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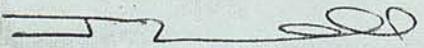
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LEADERSHIP ADVICE TO ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCILLORS

I attach a notice, sent out by the Rev Ian Paisley and Mr Jim Molyneaux,
outlining a course of action which unionist councillors have been
advised to follow with regard to attendance of council and public
board meetings.

There are few surprises in it with the leadership calling on councillors
to ensure a 'regular basis of adjournments from Council and committee
meetings' and in the other public bodies, 'Unionists should attend
every meeting, make their protest, and call on all other Unionists
to withdraw with them', and take any other steps open to them to close
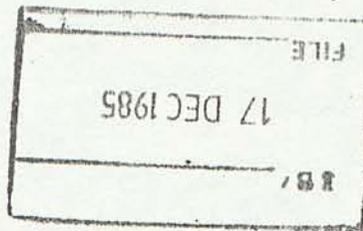the body down.

Interestingly, however, the leadership have not yet decided their course
of action in regard to striking the rate for 1986/87.

J E McCONNELL
Political Affairs Division
19 December 1985

TO ALL ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCILLORS

13 December 1985

Since our letter of the 20th November regarding the Councillors' withdrawal from statutory bodies and agencies, the Joint Working Committee has given careful consideration to this whole matter. We are now in a position to give further detailed instructions and offer some further advice on how to proceed.

The Unionist members of Unionist controlled Councils should ensure that there is an ongoing programme of monthly or other regular basis of adjournments from Councils and their committee meetings. In the case of Councils where Unionists are in a minority, Councillors should only attend such meetings and for such a period as is necessary to retain their seats.

In all the other bodies listed, Unionists should attend every meeting, make their protest, and call on all other Unionists to withdraw with them. If possible, a motion should be carried to close the body down for a period, preferably for longer than the interval between the normal regular meetings of the body or agency concerned, and this should always be on a recorded vote.

If in doubt about any agency or body, advice should be sought from the Joint Working Committee through your Party Headquarters.

At present, the list of bodies and agencies is as follows, but it may be reviewed in the light of experience:-

1. Education and Library Boards and committees thereof, except Teaching Appointment Committees, Boards of Governors of Schools and Colleges of Further Education, and ad hoc committees set up to receive transferors', parents', and teachers' nominations to Boards of Governors.

2. Health and Social Services Boards.

3. District Health and Social Services Committees.

4. Northern Ireland Housing Executive Board.

5. Northern Ireland Housing Council.

6. Police Authority for Northern Ireland.

7. Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.

8. Drainage Council for Northern Ireland.

9. Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

10. Sports Council for Northern Ireland but NOT local sports advisory councils.

11. Local Government Staff Commission.

12. Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards.

13. Joint National Council of Local Authorities.

14. Central Services Agency.

15. Rent Assessment Panels

16. Prison Visitors Board.

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17.   Belfast Co-ordinating Committee.
18.   City Centre Working Group.
19.   Urban Programme Working Group.
20.   Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee.

We will be in contact again as matters develop and especially about the course of action to be followed in regard to striking the rate for 1986/87, and in the meantime no meetings should be held concerning sale or registration of land.

We are grateful to Councillors for the action they have taken so far, and know that we can rely on your continuing support in our struggle to win this decisive battle for Ulster.

Jim Molyneaux   Ian R.K. Paisley