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ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

First reports from this afternoon's meeting of the Assembly show:-

- (1) the Assembly has agreed to meet on a regular basis on Wednesday's to examine agreed topics; OUP were apparently the main influence behind this change of approach;
- (2) Mr Molyneaux's opening speech was moderate, deploring attacks on the RUC and Roman Catholics and being mildly encouraging about the tone of the Prime Minister's letter;
- (3) the OUP and DUP are issuing a 12 point package of measures of opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement (copy attached).



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12 POINT PACKAGE

OF

OPPOSITION TO

THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

BY THE

UNIONIST PARTY LEADERS.

1. AREA BOARDS - LETTER TO BE SENT TO MEMBERS ASKING FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNIONIST REPRESENTATIVES IN ADJOURNING MEETINGS. IF THIS DOES NOT CAUSE THE BOARDS TO ADJOURN THEN WE WILL INVITE OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARDS TO RESIGN THEIR MEMBERSHIP.
  
2. DISTRICT COUNCILS - WE INVITE DISTRICT COUNCILS TO ADJOURN SINE DIE, EXCEPT BY REQUISITION FOR TACTICAL ADVANTAGE, AND INDICATE THAT THE FACELESS COMMISSIONER WHEN HE OR ANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES COME INTO THE COUNCILS WILL BE OSTRACIZED BY THE UNIONIST COMMUNITY AND CALL UPON COUNCIL STAFF TO GIVE HIM THE MINIMUM OF CO-OPERATION THAT THEIR JOB REQUIRES.
  
3. ASSEMBLY - THE ASSEMBLY HAS ALREADY SHED THOSE FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT AND WILL ONLY BE USED AS A FORUM FOR UNIONIST LEADERSHIP. IF AT ANY TIME A COMPLETE ADJOURNMENT WOULD BETTER ADVANCE OUR CAMPAIGN THEN A COMPLETE ADJOURNMENT WOULD BE CALLED FOR.
  
4. HOUSE OF COMMONS - OUR TWO PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR EARLIER DECISION NOT TO REVERT TO NORMAL PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS STANCE HAS BEEN MOST EFFECTUAL IN EXPOSING THE LACK OF MORAL AUTHORITY IN THE GOVERNMENTS CREDIBILITY TO RULE NORTHERN IRELAND DEMOCRATICALLY. IN LINE WITH THE PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES NOT TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE MINISTERS WE REAFFIRM THAT THIS CONTINUES TO APPLY ON THE PARLIAMENTARY LEVEL.

5. RATES - WITHHOLDING AND DELAYING OF RATE PAYMENTS.  
A LEAFLET WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED GIVING DETAILS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED. FURTHER FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. THESE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A FURTHER PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN.
  
6. P.R. CAMPAIGN IN GREAT BRITAIN - ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN G.B. PAPERS BRIEFINGS GIVEN TO INFLUENTIAL PERSONS ON THE MAINLAND, AND MEETINGS ARRANGED TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES OF THE UNIONIST CASE AGAINST THE AGREEMENT.
  
7. U.S. LOBBY - CONCENTRATED ON THE OPINION MAKERS AND DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES. AN AGENT HAS ALREADY COMMENCED WORK AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY AND OTHERS WILL BE GOING TO THE U.S. FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.
  
8. LOCAL INFORMATION - A SERIES OF FACT-PACTS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION ARE BEING PREPARED, AND INDOOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE PROVINCE ARE BEING ARRANGED.
  
9. SANCTIONS AGAINST THE IRISH REPUBLIC - FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN OF THE EXTENT OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTION OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, TO REFUDIATE THE INTERFERENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

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9. EVERY PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO ACT VOLUNTARILY IN THIS MATTER WITH THE RELIABLE INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION.
  
  10. PROTESTS - ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR STEPPED UP PROTESTS FOR EACH FUTURE MEETING OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE. DETAILS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN SHORTLY BEFORE OR ON THE DAY OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS.
  
  11. R.U.C. - WE INTEND TO FURTHER URGE THE OFFICERS OF THE RUC TO PRESS THEIR PROFESSIONAL BODY TO ACT ON THE ALREADY EXPRESSED AND GROWING RELUCTANCE OF THEIR MEMBERS IN POLICING AN AGREEMENT THAT DOES NOT HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.
  
  12. DAY OF PRAYER - WE SUPPORT THE CALL BY CHRISTIAN LAY MEN FOR A PROVINCE WIDE DAY OF PRAYER TO BRING DOWN THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT AND TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT. THE DAY OF PRAYER TAKES PLACE ON 3RD MAY.
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