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GOVERNMENT POLICY LEAFLET

I attach a note of some of the points which might be made in a Government leaflet comparable to that handed out by the Unionist Joint Working Party on Monday.

The points attempt to address some of the allegations made on the front page of the Loyalist document, but their ten points on the reverse are more technical and cannily drafted, and to attempt to argue against them in a sentence or two could prove difficult.

You will obviously be better placed than I to consider the precise language which might be used in any such pamphlet.

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RESPONSE TO 'A CALL TO ACTION'

1. Unionist elected representatives are not being ignored. They are the men who have chosen not to talk to NIO Ministers; they are the ones who have boycotted official functions; they are the ones who have chosen not to use the many channels of communication which already exist and the machinery - District Councils, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the House of Commons - available to them to represent the views of their voters to the Government. The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State and their colleagues all remain very willing to talk.
2. Tom King and Peter Barry are joint Chairmen of the Intergovernmental Conference - but decisions about Northern Ireland remain solely for the Secretary of State and the UK Government.
3. Dublin Role is not Dublin Rule. The Irish Government can express views and offer suggestions. Executive responsibility remains firmly with Tom King.
4. The Prime Minister has not rejected or ignored the result of the 23 January by-elections. But nor can one ignore the overwhelming majority given by the House of Commons - which represents the whole of the United Kingdom to the Agreement.
5. The Government is not forcing Ulster down the Dublin Road. The Prime Minister and the Secretary of State remain strong supporters of the Union.
6. The Agreement has much to offer everyone in Northern Ireland. Improved security, improved co-operation, improved awareness in the Republic of realities in Northern Ireland, refined incentives to encourage the search for a framework for devolved government, and a real opportunity to make lasting progress towards reconciliation, peace, stability and prosperity.

The Agreement will not harm or weaken the Union. The Agreement can improve the quality of life for everyone in Northern Ireland. It must be given a chance.

'A CALL TO ACTION'

By Jim Molyneaux and Ian Paisley



The Anglo Irish Agreement gives the Dublin Government a real say in Ulster's affairs while your own elected representatives are excluded and ignored.

Under Joint Authority Dublin's Minister for Northern Ireland, Peter Barry has been set up over us as an equal with Tom King. Together they are intent on forcing Ulster down the Dublin Road.

The people of Ulster have rightly and emphatically said 'NO'. On 23rd January 418,230 constitutionalists voted against the Agreement.

Yet at our meeting on 25th February the Prime Minister rejected the mandated and reasoned case which we presented on your behalf. By reaffirming her Government's commitment to the implementation of the Agreement she said 'NO' to the Ballot Box and spurned consultation in favour of confrontation.

It is now up to us all to demonstrate beyond doubt that we will not be trampled on in this manner and that in no circumstances will we ever accept Dublin Rule.

Next Monday is your opportunity to do so, by joining in a Massive Province-wide DAY OF ACTION AND PROTEST. We are asking you to play your part in sending an unmistakable signal to Westminster that Ulster means business.

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DO YOU KNOW?

1. That under the Anglo-Irish Agreement Dublin's Minister, Peter Barry, presides as **an equal** with Tom King in a Conference which can deal with **all** the internal affairs of Northern Ireland.
 2. That there is no recognition of the status of Northern Ireland **as part of the U.K.** in the Agreement. Dublin continues through its Constitution to claim the territory of Northern Ireland.
 3. That following the powers given to it in respect of security the Dublin Government has boasted that it will be putting forward proposals to get rid of the U.D.R.
 4. That Dublin can now jointly direct the Chief Constable of the R.U.C. Article 9 (a) of the Agreement says, ". . . the Conference **shall set in hand** a programme of work to be undertaken by the Chief Constable . . ."
 5. That Dublin now has a right to make nominations for every public body in Northern Ireland, including the **Police Authority** and even the Education and Health Boards. Furthermore these Dublin "placements" needn't even live in Northern Ireland.
 6. That 'Barry's Law' instead of 'British Law' will now operate in the banning of traditional loyalist parades. The Agreement gives Dublin the right to know about all planned parades and the opportunity to make its views known on them.
 7. That when Dublin makes proposals relating to **any** matters in N. Ireland the British Government is under a legally enforceable obligation to make "determined efforts" to resolve **any** differences. Thus Her Majesty's Government is no longer free to govern Northern Ireland as it thinks fit. Dublin will call the tune and the N.I.O. will scrape and bow to win the Republic's approval. **A DUBLIN ROLE IS DUBLIN RULE.**
 8. That under the Agreement Dublin is insisting on the repeal of the Flags and Emblems Act so that the Irish Tricolour can freely fly anywhere in Northern Ireland.
 9. That the Agreement heralds the establishment of "**MIXED COURTS**" in which judges from the Republic would sit in Northern Ireland Courts.
 10. The S.D.L.P. has now an absolute veto on all possible devolution in Northern Ireland. Even with devolution the Conference would continue with its powers undiluted over security, the Courts, human rights and all other vital matters.
- Little wonder Ulster emphatically voted against this obnoxious Agreement on 23rd January. This Agreement is the blueprint for an All-Ireland and as such must meet with unrelenting opposition from every Unionist. **It cannot be reformed; it must be destroyed.**
- The Unionist leadership is pledged in solidarity to achieve this end. With your help it can be done!