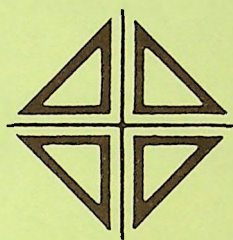


INFORMATION ON SPEAKERS  
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**NORTHERN IRELAND into the NINETIES**  
**WHAT KIND of SOCIETY ?**

DAVID HARKNESS	Professor of Irish History Queen's University, Belfast.
EDNA LONGLEY	Lecturer in English, Queen's University, Belfast, and writer.
KEVIN BOYLE	Professor of Law, University of Essex
SEAN FARREN	Member and former Chairperson of S.D.L.P. Lecturer in Education, University of Ulster.
JOHN ALDERDICE	Psychiatrist. Leader of the Alliance Party.
SEAMUS LYNCH	Leader of the Workers' Party. Councillor in Belfast City Council.
RAYMOND FERGUSON	A member of the Fermanagh Unionist Association.
DENNIS KENNEDY	Director of E.E.C. Office in Belfast. Former Journalist.
MARY McMAHON	Member of the Workers' Party. Councillor in Belfast City Council.
JOHN SIMPSON	Economist and broadcaster.
SAMMY WILSON	Former Lord Mayor of Belfast and a D.U.P. Councillor.
OTHER SPEAKERS	To be confirmed.
PETER McLACHLAN	Chairperson, Director of Bryson House.

A CONFERENCE  
at  
THE CORRYMEELA CENTRE  
BALLYCASTLE, NORTHERN IRELAND  
  
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October  
and/or  
Saturday 7th October (day conference)  
1989



POLITICAL CONFERENCE  
 OCTOBER 6th — 8th 1989  
 CORRYMEELA CENTRE, BALLYCASTLE

Title: NORTHERN IRELAND INTO THE 90's. WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY?

2. 15 pm The Totality of Relationships  
 (Within N. Ireland and between N. Ireland, Britain  
 and the Republic of Ireland)

Session I  
 Sean Farren SDLP  
 John Alderdice Alliance  
 Raymond Ferguson Official Unionist Party  
 ( five minutes brief questions after each contribution)

FRIDAY (8th Oct) 6. 30 pm Registration  
 7. 00 pm Meal  
 8. 00 pm Welcome and Information  
 8. 15 pm Prof. D. Harkness, Q.U.B.

"The shaping of our Cultural Traditions over the past 100 years:"  
 —Edna Longley, QUB ●

"Understanding, valuing and transcending our cultures"  
 followed by group discussion.

10. 15 pm Coffee/tea  
 10. 45 pm Evening Worship (Optional)

SATURDAY (9th Oct) 9. 30 am Morning Worship (Optional)  
 10. 00 am Registration for Day Conference  
 10. 30 am Welcome and opening of Day Conference  
 by Chalrpeterson - Peter McLachlan  
 10. 45 am "Human Rights in the N.I. Context an Overview"  
 Prof. Kevin Boyle  
 "Policing and Security Issues in N. Ireland"  
 - A Speaker

11. 45 am Coffee  
 12. 15 pm Open Discussion  
 1. 00 pm LUNCH

3. 30 pm Coffee  
 4. 00 pm Session II — Totality of Relationships  
 Seamus Lynch  
 Sammy Wilson DUP  
 Open Forum  
 TEA

5. 00 pm  
 6. 00 pm  
 7. 15 pm Session III — Totality of Relationships  
 A speaker from Dail Eireann *today after 12*  
 A Westminster M.P. — followed by discussion *and after*  
 Close of Day Conference  
 8. 30 pm RECREATIONAL TIME  
 10. 00 pm Evening Worship (Optional)

SUNDAY (10th Oct) 9. 00 am Breakfast  
 10. 00 am "Economic Realities"  
 Denis Kennedy E.C.  
 Mary McMahon Workers' Party  
 John Simpson Economist  
 11. 15 am Coffee  
 11. 45 am Final discussion and questions  
 12. 45 pm Worship (Optional)  
 1. 15 pm LUNCH

CONFERENCE ENDING

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## NEWS RELEASE

ALLIANCE LEADER, DR JOHN ALDERDICE, WILL ADDRESS A CONFERENCE AT CORRYMEELA CENTRE, BALLYCASTLE, TODAY, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1989. THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS 'THE TOTALITY OF RELATIONS', AND IT WILL ALSO BE ADDRESSED BY SEAN FARREN (SDLP), RAYMOND FERGUSON (UUP), SAMMY WILSON (DUP), AND SEAMUS LYNCH (WP).

THE FOLLOWING IS A PRECIS OF SOME OF DR ALDERDICE'S COMMENTS:

"THE THEME 'THE TOTALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS' HAS HAD INCREASING CURRENCY OVER THE PAST DECADE, AND THE PHRASE ITSELF HAS BEEN USED BY A NUMBER OF POLITICIANS OF WIDELY DIFFERING VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS. WITH SUCH AN APPARENT ACCEPTANCE THAT THERE IS A COMPLEXITY AND MULTIPLICITY OF RELATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE RESOLUTION OF OUR DIFFICULTIES, WE HAVE PERHAPS TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD. WHERE THE DIFFERENCES HAVE RE-EMERGED, IS WHEN ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GO BEYOND THIS SIMPLE FORMULATION. SOME WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE TOTALITY IS EXPRESSED BY THE TRIAD OF, RELATIONS WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND, RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REST OF THE ISLAND, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND IRELAND. OTHERS WOULD MAINTAIN THAT THIS IS TO IGNORE THE UNCERTAINTY AND AMBIGUITY WHICH EXISTS IN RESPECT OF THE PARTICULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. IT IS NOT ONLY NATIONALISTS WHO BELIEVE THAT THIS MUST BE EXPLORED. SINCE AT LEAST 1985, MANY LOYALISTS ALSO FEEL THE NEED FOR THIS RELATIONSHIP TO BE CLARIFIED. OTHERS AGAIN WILL SAY THAT BRITAIN ITSELF IS NO UNITARY PHENOMENON AND THAT THE DIFFERENT CONSTITUENTS HAVE DIFFERING RELEVANCE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEM. AND WHO COULD FAIL TO RECOGNISE NOW THAT THE EMERGENCE OF THE WIDER EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS AN ASPECT OF OUR COMMON TOTALITY OF RELATIONS.

WHEN EACH HAS STATED HIS VIEW OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF THE TOTALITY OF RELATIONS, IT IS USUALLY FOLLOWED WITH A PRESCRIPTION FOR A PARTICULAR INITIATIVE OR STEP WHICH NEEDS TO BE TAKEN AND WHICH CAN LEAD LOGICALLY TO A FURTHER STEP, OFTEN A MAJOR CONFERENCE, WHICH CAN BRING FORTH A BLUEPRINT. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS HERE THAT THE DISAGREEMENTS BEGIN TO BREAK OUT INTO CONFLICT. THE PROPOSAL THAT ONE ELEMENT IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND COMMUNITY MEET WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AS A FIRST STEP, IS MET WITH THE COUNTER-PROPOSAL, THAT PROGRESS MUST FIRST BE MADE IN DISCUSSION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EACH HAS PLANNED OUT A LINE OF PROGRESS WHICH IS CONGRUENT WITH THEIR VIEW OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS IN 'THE TOTALITY OF RELATIONS'. BUT IT MAY BE THAT SUCH PROPOSED PATHS TOWARDS A SOLUTION CAN THEMSELVES BECOME A POINT OF FURTHER DISAGREEMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR DIFFERENCES OF VIEW.

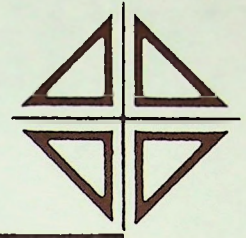
MAY IT NOT BE MORE REALISTIC, IF LESS TIDY, TO PERMIT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE OPENED UP AT DIFFERING LEVELS, ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASES, LEADING TO MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS BY A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS AND PARTIES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD HOWEVER NEED TO HAVE BOTH AN AGENDA TO BEGIN WITH, AND A TIME SCALE IN WHICH TO OPERATE. THAT IS WHY EARLIER THIS YEAR I SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS A CASE FOR THE GOVERNMENT PUTTING DOWN ITS PROPOSALS FOR PROGRESS, AND MAKING THEM AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AND DEBATE, IN PREPARATION FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE ANY SUCH MEETINGS WITH RELEVANT MATERIAL TO DISCUSS, IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH DISCUSSION COULD NOT GO ON FOREVER, BUT MUST COME TO A CONCLUSION, TO MEET A LEGISLATIVE TIME SCALE.

IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED OF COURSE THAT ANY PROPOSAL WOULD NECESSARILY FORM THE FINAL BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT. IT MIGHT WELL BE THAT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT BUT AGREED FRAMEWORK WOULD EMERGE IN THE PROCESS OF MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION, AND WHO WOULD BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO ADHERE TO AN UNSUCCESSFUL FORMULA, IF AN AGREED ARRANGEMENT WERE TO GROW OUT OF THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND DEBATE.

THE ONLY PREREQUISITES FOR ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ARE A WILLINGNESS TO MEET AND TO LISTEN TO THE OTHER, AND A PREPAREDNESS TO COMPROMISE, BUT NOT TO MAKE BAD COMPROMISES.

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Dr John T. Alderdice  
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28th August 1989

Dear John,

I am now writing to confirm arrangements for the conference. I enclose a copy of the programme and a letter of invitation which is being widely circulated. You will be very welcome to join us for the whole weekend, and let me know if you need accommodation. We will be expecting at least 100 to attend the Saturday conference although, if last year's experience is repeated, the number could be nearer 200.

You will see that you are programmed to speak in the first session of the afternoon. We would like you to speak for 20 minutes approximately. There will be a brief opportunity for questions, but we intend to leave the main discussion and questions to the open forum. The theme, as you see for the Saturday afternoon session, is "totality of relationships". We have chosen this as an all-embracing theme which we hope gives considerable scope for speaking. As the overall theme is the future, we would hope that the political speakers will address the future in particular.

I hope this is helpful and, if you need any further information, please let me know. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you in October.

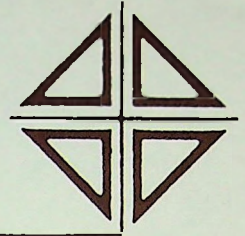
Yours sincerely,

Louis Boyle

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"NORTHERN IRELAND INTO THE '90s: WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY?"

A POLITICAL CONFERENCE AT THE CORRYMEELA CENTRE, BALLYCASTLE ON 6TH TO 8TH OCTOBER 1989

Dear Friend,

For the second successive year, the Corrymeela Community is hosting a major political conference in the Autumn. The conference will take place during the weekend of 6-8 October at our Ballycastle Centre. Feedback from the 1988 conference has encouraged us to the view that there would be considerable value in providing a further opportunity for people from across the community to meet together. As we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the arrival of British troops, with the political stalemate showing no sign of movement, although there are small signs of hope around, and as we enter the 1990s, it is right that we ask ourselves as a community the question: what kind of society do we want in Northern Ireland?

We have invited a number of politicians and other speakers to address this question under different but interrelated themes; the impact of our culture and history, human rights, security and policing, the totality of relationships within Northern Ireland, Ireland and between the islands of Ireland and Britain, and, finally, as 1992 approaches, the economic realities and opportunities facing us. Our hope is that, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and honest dialogue, we can help to nourish new relationships of greater trust and the elements of a common vision for the future.

The conference programme has been arranged to enable people to come for the whole weekend or to the Saturday conference only. The cost for the weekend is £30 (waged) and £15 (unwaged), and for the day conference £12 (waged) and £6 (unwaged). We are inviting a wide range of individuals and organisations to attend. If you are able and willing to come, please complete the reply slip as soon as possible but not later than 29 September. Accommodation is mainly in twin-bedded rooms and the number of residential places is limited so those wishing to secure a place should register as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

John Morrow and Louis Boyle

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