

Mc Carney 16/10/96. (1)

Quotes from Brit. Irish Assoc. speech by Albert Reynolds.

Uses word 'permanent' in ceasefire. Refers to failure of armed struggle.
Date for talks set with a date that can only be described as 'indecent'

Para 2: Quotes from Intl. Body - charge indication - original talks set aside - in favour of a new process which Mc Carney sees a new departure in order to include Sinn Féin. the plenipotentiaries of violent terrorism.

1. What was the bottom line that violent terrorism could accept?

Put in a package → endorsed by Nationalists + acquiescence of pro-Unionists would be sought - through "bribery, pouring of money, + having achieved that objective in the Brit. Govt. would move on. But for this to happen SF would have to be brought into the loop.

Plan was to sell it to UUP - partially successful in that - Molyneux was duped - Reynolds was jubilant. At last mainstream Unionism was marginalised then UUP became alerted to what was going on - (UKUP) not in existence -

+ adopted a more vigilant a Aug. 94 - 96 → apparent that process was not good enough for IRA.

Believes SDLP knew all along that the IRA never intended the ceasefire to be permanent. NOV. 1995 → clear + +ve change in attitude of Irish Govt. Spring - On the ? of arms, the Govt was trying to avoid admissions of guilt.

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Process of fudge had begun. IRA would never decommission until a settlement was arrived at that they would endorse.

If we take this central principle, then the presence of Sinn Féin is absolutely necessary.

So Brit. Govt. has to find a way to let SF in even in the knowledge that SF is never going to decommission.

Under these proposals, IRA will only have to consider decommissioning + will not have to decommission.

Paras 14, June 6m - 14m Oct. 1996.

Paras 34 + 35 → intention of report - if any decommission occurs, it will only be required if there is polit. progress of which IRA approve. ∴ we are getting guns + Semtex for polit. progress.

Transferring of arms will only happen on basis of political gains. Intl. Report envisages a process which appeases terrorism.

For this body to act in a "polit. macho" way by talking about getting down to the real issues is a betrayal of democracy.

Horried at Ms. Mowlam referring to Mr. Stone + Mr. Adair as "unsung heroes".

This Report has "legally accommodated terrorist".
E.g. Arms should be exempt from interrogation + results from any forensic exam. will be exempt + excluded from admissibility in evidence.

* Will not apply to Britain - only to NI
- acc. to Mr. Carney, legislation does not allow for use in evidence in NI because "we are second class citizens".

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"We are Prot./Cath. Paddies - made distinct from what will happen in Britain".

All seen as "taking a risk for peace" - so democratic principles are watered down in NI along these lines

Staggering Recomm. from Mitchell; ^{who would have been a Supreme Court judge} Recomm. exclusion from criminal investigation - how far have we gone in forgetting our democratic principles.

Detects that we are listening with our minds & not just our ears.

Refers to June 6th document - ^{Para 8.} "a meaningful + inclusive process of negotiations" - specifically addressed to Sinn Fein.

The Union will have to be on Table for negotiating if S.F. are coming in.

Principle of consent - everyone except SF has agreed to - is also on the table as a promise to SF for discussion.

June 6th quotes from Intl. Body: -

Para. 10. "Both govt. declare commitment - Para 34 + 35 of Intl. Report - parties should consider some decommissioning - Mc

Cartney sees this a sop to IRA.

Refers to Para 39. as another example of this

Sees their policy (not the individuals such as Mitchell) as one of duping the Rest of us.

4th Strand - Decommissioning - "burial chamber"; if the incumbent of that tomb is not dead, then it has been assigned to a process of suspended animation

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Refers to how fast Open Plenary was agreed on Monday night but the train on track 2 (decommissioning) will be corpse-like in its movement.

George Mitchell would have reqd. clairvoyant skills to predict "good intent" of participants - because he was not to know what others knew which is that the IRA was deceiving them.

Refers to Sept. 30th. Brit/Irish joint statement on decommissioning
Refers to public. of draft legislation after open plenary has been concluded.

Sees modalities as secondary to the principles. If SF were to enter these talks, agree b principle, then they could say the modalities are not in place. They will say they don't have to decommission, because the means are not there to put this into effect.

para 4: Sees "all issues of concern" as SF's manifesto in
para 5: "alive with the stench of terrorism" - fundamentally flawed, corrupt + rotten. It is Mr. Spring's 4th Strand. But the machinery for decommissioning will not be in place.

Paisley refers to Mayhew's letter - 40 orders in Council prepared for statute book - does not believe Govt. intended to meet Oct 7th as in Para 5.

Believes Unionist Party paper to their conference was a "sop" to delegates as they would not have supported Brit/Irish joint paper.

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Sees the process as an attempt to bully pro-union parties into agreeing decommissioning.