

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES OF POLITICAL STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN HEADQUARTERS
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 1987 AT 1.00 P.M. AT HEADQUARTERS.

PRESENT: John Alderdice, Tom Campbell, Howard Johnston, Sean Neeson,
Addie Morrow, Stewart Dickson, Gordon Mawhinney, Dan
McGuinness, Paul Maguire, Eileen Bell.

APOLOGIES: Bill Barbour, Seamus Close, Mervyn Jones.

1. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter re meeting of ELDR Working Group on Defence. It was agreed that attendance at this meeting would not be necessary at this time.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Sean Neeson reported on the West German trip, and said he felt it was the most worthwhile overseas trip he had gone on. He read out a letter from John Flanagan of the Belfast Telegraph expressing thanks and congratulations for the trip. General Secretary will pass on copy of the letter to ELDR General Secretary for their observation.
- (b) Party Leader reported that he had written to Jim Kilfedder M.P., and he hoped to meet him soon. No other responses received to date.
- (c) A meeting with Bob Cooper FEA will be arranged in the new year.

3. POLITICAL SITUATION

- (a) The substance of the discussion was centred on the killing of John McMichael and the possible repercussions in the community. The Castlereagh Council meeting at which Denny Vitty made some vitriolic and dangerous remarks about Addie Morrow was also talked about, and Addie stated that the whole affair was now in the hands of the Police and he will report on any future developments.
- (b) It was agreed that in 1988 the Party should, as a priority, look once again at the whole publicity profile and media image of the Party. This would be discussed in further detail in due course.

The meeting ended at 2.00 with the Party Leader wishing all members the compliments of the season and thanking them for their support during the last few months.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 1988 AT 1.00 P.M.
AT HEADQUARTERS.