

The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland Alliance

Headquarters

88 University Street
Belfast BT7 1PE

Tel. (01232) 424274 Fax (01232) 334147
e mail alliance_party@cis.computlink.co.uk

“ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

ALDERDICE PAYS TRIBUTE TO SPRING

Alliance leader, Lord Alderdice, has paid tribute to Dick Spring, who has just announced his resignation as leader of the Irish Labour Party.

Lord Alderdice said, "I have worked with Dick Spring on and off for about ten years now, and find him a man of great ability and energy. I very much enjoyed his wry sense of humour and inevitably found meetings with him interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile. I have the greatest of respect for him and his ability and his loss as Labour leader will undoubtedly be the gain of wherever he chooses to take his future career. I believe that history will judge him not only one of the most influential but also one of the more positive influences in Irish politics in his generation."