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VOX POPS - Mid afternoon/early evening

UTV LIVE (6:00pm)

UTV Live carried remarks by SFs Mitchell McLaughlin saying that the Declaration was being studied, but there was great disappointment in the Nationalist community. What had actually been achieved for them?

He said that the Anglo-Irish document would be compared closely with the Hume-Adams strategy, but suggested that it may be some time before a response is forthcoming.

An alleged representative of the loyalist paramilitaries said that the ball was now in the Provo's court. They should put down their weapons now and loyalists would do the same. However, the UTV reporter claimed that other sources close to the loyalist paramilitaries said attitudes were hardening and violence might not cease in that quarter.

The programme had Messrs Paisley, Molyneaux and Hume in the studio.

Molyneaux - document was mixed up with paragraphs the wrong way round, contradictions in every paragraph. It took him two hours to understand it.

Hume - one of the most comprehensive statements on British-Irish relations for 7 years. Looking forward to using it as a basis for dialogue.

Paisley - status of NI never once defined. IRA have got 50pc of what they wanted. Governments have combined to produce a document to buy off the IRA.

Radio Ulster (4:00pm)

James Molyneaux (In Commons): Called for assurances on position of NI and safeguards against united Ireland and Sinn'Fein place at talks.

Ian Paisley (In Commons): People of Ulster have been sold out by Prime Minister.

Joe Hendron: No excuse now for IRA not to stop - declaration not a sell out.

Radio Ulster (5:00pm)

John Smith (Commons): Welcomed with enthusiasm. Important first step leading to political settlement.

Mitchell McLaughlin (SF): I am disappointed - will compare with Hume/Adams proposals. Can't speak for IRA but will study carefully.

Ian Paisley: Insult to NI - sell out, act of treachery.

John Hume: Most comprehensive declaration of British/Irish relationship in 70 years - calls for no knee jerking.

John Alderdice: Balanced and fair - clear message to paramilitaries to give up and join political process.

James Molyneaux: Needs to be studied carefully by Unionists as it's a complex document. Has cleared way for speeding up of talks. Appealed for loyalist terrorists to stop now.

Seamus Mallon: Very substantial advance though we still have to convince those involved in violence.

Archbishop Robin Eames: On the whole a balanced document, very very fair in certain places to those who had reservations. What happens next is important.

Downtown (4:00pm):

Ian Paisley (In Commons): PM has sold out the people of Ulster.

Downtown (5:00pm)

James Molyneaux: (Commons): Sought assurances for Unionists.

John Hume (Commons): Welcomed document as step forward.

Dr Rodgers (Presby. Moderator): Hoped announcement would mean no more scenes of grief.

Msgr. Michael Dallett (Auxilliary Bishop of Down and Connor): Welcomed - very promising time to take up his new appointment.

Bishop Patrick Walsh: Asked leaders of all spheres to think carefully about this new initiative - take time to consider.

John Alderdice: Balanced and fair.

Tom French (Workers Party): The conditions for peace have been created and future is in hands of paramilitaries.

Gerry Cullen (Democratic Left): Merits careful consideration.

ICTU: Guarded welcome.

Peace Movement: A step in the right direction.

Methodist Church: Appealed for everyone to consider the declaration with a view to making it the basis for peace.

straw poll on Belfast streets: Mixed reaction.

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John Taylor: Not as bad as feared - all political factions should read document very carefully. There are plusses and minuses for Unionists.

David Trimble: Does not address the democratic deficit in NI.

Kevin McNamara: Finds document encouraging and Labour gives its support.

Joe Hendron: No excuse now for IRA not to call a total and absolute permanent ceasefire.

Ian Paisley: Tripartite agreement - London/Dublin/IRA. We will learn the bitter lesson that appeasement is self-destructive.

Andrew Hunter: We await IRA response.

Paul Arthur (Prof Politics Jordanstown): Overall document very clever - offers something to everyone.

Catholic Church leaders: Welcome document.

Bishop Patrick Walsh: People should think very carefully of agreement and take time to consider. Leaders must recognise their responsibilities.

Mary Robinson: Earnest hope for reconciliation and understanding.

RC and CoI Bishops of Clogher (Christmas message - issued early today): People must be patient - for peace to be productive it must be rooted in the community.

Today, we may say to a historic day as peace is broached.

- The Protestant, Mr Reynolds
- The participation of the majority of violence must be verifiable.
- The First Lord, Mr John Birt
- We are talking about a permanent cessation of violence, and we are talking about the removal of all arms.
- The Taoiseach, Mr Haughey
- There has never been a mandate for violence, and now there is an overwhelming political demand that it stop.
- The Progressive Democratic leader, Mr Mary Hanvey
- It is now time to stand up for the Irish people and to put up or to shut up.
- The Democratic Left leader, Mr Frances McManis