

Irish Govt.

1. Voluntary Vs Seizures.
2. Process — build confidence.
3. Addressing substantive agenda will make process possible.
4. Events have changed since Intl. Body's Report but has not significantly changed its recomm.
- Allied to prisoners release, termination of viol. policing emergency legislation.
6. Indep. Commission — acceptable to all parties.
Variety of methods subject to negotiations
Mutual decomm.
Govt. joint statement — realistic proposals.
 1. Reaffirm. to Intl. Body's Report — para. 34 + 35
Readiness
 - 2. Commit. to publish enabling legisl. + intro.
this in current session.
Enactment
 3. All parties agreeing to work constructively
to implement all as
 4. Estab. of committee of Plenary — all parties. — to
§ ensure continuity between Commission |
Intl Experts | + Plenary to take stock of process.
in line with Strand 1-3.
 5. Committee to take forward recomm. →
Reviewing progress

Bill coordinated with NIO - differs in some respects. Bill includes:

1) making of regulations - 4 methods identified in report.

2) - Establishing of Commission.

3) Prohibition of taking of proceedings
- forensic exam. or use of
info. - subject to certain limitations →
misapprop. of arms + subseq. used.

etc.

Concern of Cmtee of Plenary would oversee progress

- allow Cmtee to comment on legislation's proposals

eg - ^{on} modalities; indep-comm. + its roles; other confidence building measures

Cmtee could begin this work before indep. Commission is established.

Proposing a mechanism which should engender confidence

UUP Questions.

Up to Republican movement to find the words to convince us that it is unequivocal.

Will not judge ceasefire in terms of 'physical action' - will look at the conditions and make a judgement at that time.

Passage of legislation - time gap to regulations. Would legis. without regulations not be worth a penny candle?

Enabling legis. - allows any of the methods outlined in Mitchell Report to become regulations as they are discussed in subcommittee.

Is the Report a Bible?

Mitchell - 'judicious & wise Report' - Reality of situation.

Is Report still valid? "Central tenet + Report itself has not been overturned?"

Have Events of last month months not changed anything?

Why is UK legislat. only applicable to NI?

① Quickly ② Added to complexity of Bill ③ Arms are in this island
Necessary to limit Bill - in the way it is i.e. only to NI.

UUP will be putting down amendments.

Complexity has existed in the past - ^{Mayhew's} 'not legislative amnesty' but by 'administrative' order - in relation to other arms in Brit. that are not 'terrorist'.

Was ^{it} a 'working assumption' ^{to believe} of IRA ceasefire ~~being~~ was permanent - ^{old was it} a political expedient? It was expedient to make this working assumption.

Mayhew: No absolutes - adapt to changing circumstances

Nora Owen "Ceasefire broken down + Sinn Féin or IRA are not at these talks".

Mayhew "Wanted to make it easier for them (SF) to remove their self-imposed exclusion".

Magennis "I Have the highest Regard for *faide Síochána* - contrasts with duplicity of some of the Acts of Irish Govt".

● Para 25 + 35 - provide problems for UUP.

Para 35 - Mayhew emphasised that "progress on political issues" is not the "progress of one political party's agenda".

Magennis believes that there are those around the Table - if not to push us into united Ireland but to force their auth. on N-Ireland.

● Mayhew "Guesstimates about what SF will or will not do".

Magennis makes assumptions about what SF would do - but will not allow govts. to make assumptions about permanency of ceasefire.

Magennis: Objective Versus Outcome. Not concerned about outcome but concerned about objective - if they get to the table, if they don't like what they see, they can use violence - (that's SF's objective). Will not accept Mayhew's view on "guesstimates" or "tests" - in relation to SF - when will SOS accept that tests don't work. Mayhew responds that one test was

electoral process — have to be loyal to tests — "we would look in a bad light — we didn't exclude you from electoral process ~~but~~ we will stand by that test - but we still need the ceasefire restored which is also part of the test".

✘ Magennis's test "complete, ^{permanent} credible + universal" ceasefire. Will Ceasefire - satisfy? Campaign — means ceasing of campaign — if only applicable to NI would not suffice.

● Mayhew "Has to be universal + forever — will depend on circumstances — not on ^{any} one factor to be taken alone".

Owen "Unequivocalness cannot be prejudged.

If SF came to talks — if challenges were brought as they were to UDP, PUP, UUP + DUP — then they would have to meet tests in the same way as others."

DUP. Peter Robinson.

● "Do we allow the Terrorists to dictate the terms of what allows them to enter these talks".

Owen: We dictate the terms of entry — same conditions as everyone else.

Davy Irvine — Only paramilitaries can decide terms of ceasefire.

DUP — wants reassurances that they have stopped stockpiling, beatings etc.

✘ How would he ascertain this?

It seems that you place so little credibility in Jerry Fin that it would have made little difference what ^{words} SF would have used.

Roy: Over

It will be for the Republican movement to satisfy us — it is not for us to be prescriptive.

Major: "You can't have all party talks without all parties".

Mr. Carney: "You have to face reality — there will be no talks with pro-Brown Reps. if there is no change in your position".

Over: "I accept your concerns — you have to accept ours."

- Mr. Carney accuses Over of being wrong.
- ① Everything will be offered to get SF in
 - ② S.F. will not decommission before during or after
 - ③ SF will not have to do anything other than find a set of words.
 - ④ SF will ^{not} be controlled by the democratic process — "SF will ^{not} become democratic lambs instead of violent animals."

~~XXX~~ Proceedings are in the nature of a peace conference not of a democratic dialogue.

Reference to Ground Rule 8. — SF have to "establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful methods and have shown that they abide by the democratic process."