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✓ Hume makes a brief written presentation, on SDLP papers.

Alderdice makes a critique. Hume "waived" the possibility of questioning. (Clearly hopes that my points will be lost in the ensuing response by TD + IRKP.) (numbers from SDLP - JH says my comment are out of focus)

● Polycraux makes a strong point of the AIA + the setting up of the Talks. (Refers to J. Cusack's letter from Margaret Thatcher) Says that there is no way that the unions could go \geq it. He is disappointed that there is not the common ground - feels that he was too optimistic (responding to the Bangor Speech). He rebashes the slow nature of the process. "I never imagined that the present confrontation would be so stark."

It leaves the proposers with no room for manoeuvre. We are at a cross-roads. One way \rightarrow democracy. The other way is towards division in the Community.

Paisley Quotes "Pipe Dreams" - Def.icle.
- reads it into the record. He describes
the Telegraph as liberal unimpaired paper.

(JH keeps saying 'incredible' all the
comments so far!) Goes strongly on the
Dublin rule - united Ireland - undemocratic
structure. ('warped Irish nationalists')

• The will of the Ulster people comes first -
not the will of anyone else. (SDLP include
a "orange card" when Paisley speaks of the
threat of violence)

Rejects the document + does not believe that
any amendments to SDLP document.

Nature of the Problem — we do not agree \bar{c} their analysis.

"Directly elected Executive" — separation from an Assembly.

— not separation of powers.

— external commissioners.

— no partnership (how do they find a way of working together — requires unanimity — 100% of all elected representatives.)

— what does the HIA actually accept — certainly not Dublin govts.

— what happens if there is not agreement or consensus.

— ~~creation~~ deepening of fundamental division.

— repetition of destruction.

Raise the questions of:

- ① = Workability/durability - if the legislature has the power of veto on legislation then surely that would block the functioning.
- ② All attempts to solve the problem have failed - why? is it because of the wrong model? or is it because some groups do not want a settlement?
- ③ Things cannot be resolved to everyone's mutual satisfaction, without sacrifice.
- ④ What will happen if they do not agree?
(the Commissioners)
- ⑤ Why does identity have to be a politically structured matter? [fundamental flaw]
- ⑥ Are SDIP suggesting a mutual arrangement (as is for moving out of the nation-state)
- ⑦ Why would it be easier to get agreement if there were outside Commissioners?

[An artificial minority]
Simp Hume

Stick with it

SOS Has questions

① Would the Assembly have any power for legislation? - Possibility of more power than is in the SDP paper. (possibly opening up.)

②. Could there be Assembly initiate legislation?
- Open to discussion.

③ It is seen as very successful, but surely the comparison is flawed, was because the decisions had to be consensual,
(actually a veto)

(Northern Ireland is a geographical.)

J. Hume - Felt some of the comments were quite outrageous. Felt that his proposals were not really read. Goes back to 1912 - back down to the Orange Card. (Something intervened - Partition) (It gets annoyed because people don't understand him but he doesn't understand others.)

Says that what is being proposed is no different from what is happening in Europe. Union of the people of Ireland. We would question fundamentally that identity has to be reprinted in the political structure.

Ask (1) again about separation of powers.

(2) legislative power to Assembly. (this is not impossible - co-decision-making is possible.)

(3) feels that he has led nationalists away from independence.

(4) makes the point that Unionists rejected the deviation of Article 4. - new agreement.

(5) Why can nationalists not represent themselves. ~~fundamental~~ fundamental problem of identifying identity & political power/pos.

(6) What about the identity of southern unionists.

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(stability, durability, workability.)

Claim of jurisdiction - a problem.

Entrenchment of the Community divisions -

mutualism -

Relationships -

What happens if the Commission doesn't reach agreement? - It is the Ministers of State who will be administering the province

- he simply believes that everyone will agree -

- It is clear that if any sizeable element in the population don't want to work the system it won't work.

We're presuming that this comes out of an all-party agreement.

To whom are the Commissioners accountable?