

JAMES Molyneux

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Father: William, Little known, PGF James Henry and important influence, Read The Times & Daily Telegraph, Always interested in national and international questions, more than NI,

Mother: Cissie, Never let you know what she was thinking,

Sibs: James Henry (DOB 27 Aug 20) Conservative like PGF,

others unknown

School: Went to PE school, After this returned to farm, Wanted to go to RAF but deferred to parental wishes until the Blitz which gave him necessary 'strengthening of his hand',

Joined up 1941 (age 20) Trained in England & Scotland, then D-Day,

Saw a good deal of active service, Was at relief of Belsen, This affected him, Had nightmares afterwards, Loss of friends in the war important,

After the war became involved in politics quickly, First election involvement was Sir Douglas Savoury in South Antrim in 1949, In 1955 Knox Cunningham (Cambridge Boxing Champion) was elected, He was PPS to Harold MacMillan, Roy Bradford challenged in 1963 but Molyneaux was faithful to KC, Elected to Antrim County Council in 1964, Elected to Westminster in 1970, Defeated in election for party Leader in 1974,

Played Labour and Conservatives off against each other, Became PL in 1979, Stayed out of Atkins Talks in 1980, Angered by feeling of betrayal of Airey Neave's ideas, Tries to build a united unionism, Appt Privy Councillor in 1983,

PERSONALITY: 'Devious enquiring mind', Do the opposite of what is expected of you, Calm under pressure, Does not wear feelings on his sleeve, Keep a grip on yourself no matter how deeply you are hurt, Tends to refuse promotions rather than (apparently) seek them, And yet he seems keen to note his position, eg that he was MP for the largest constituency in UK, and was leader of the fourth largest party at Westminster, Worries about what happens if violence gets out of hand, Likes to feel that he knows things that he really ought not to know,

Influenced by Airey Neave & Enoch Powell, (?PGF), Administrative devolution,