





~~WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE ISLAND'S PROBLEMS AND DISMISSED THE OTHER TWO OPTIONS AS UNLIKELY TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AND POSITIVELY AND CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. HE WANTED THE BRITISH GUARANTEE, WHICH WAS A STUMBLING BLOCK, WITHDRAWN. ASKED WHAT HE WOULD SAY IF UNIONISTS REFUSED TO ACCEPT A UNITARY STATE, HE REPLIED "NOBODY IS ENTITLED TO DENY THE NATURAL UNITY OF THIS COUNTRY. THE PARTIES (TO THE FORUM) WISH TO ESTABLISH A UNITARY STATE".~~

4. COMMENT: WHILE JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS TO SOME EXTENT PROMPTED MR HAUGHEY'S NATIONALIST LINE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS ALREADY SELECTING FROM THE REPORT THE ITEMS WHICH SUIT HIM BEST. THE LABOUR PARTY LEADER SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS PARTY REGARDED A UNITARY STATE AS THE ONLY OPTION. PRESS COMMENT CLEARLY FEELS THAT MR HAUGHEY'S DISCORDANT INTERPRETATION HAS LET THE SIDE DOWN.

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5. INTERVIEWED ON RTE, DR FITZGERALD DESCRIBED MR PRIOR'S STATEMENT AS HELPFUL: "WHILE IN THIS STATEMENT THERE ARE SOME CRITICISMS OF THE HISTORICAL ANALYSIS, THERE ARE OTHER POSITIVE STATEMENTS TOO". HE DID NOT EXPECT THE BRITISH OR UNIONISTS TO SHARE THE IRISH VERSION OF HISTORY, BUT IT WAS RIGHT THAT THE IRISH SHOULD STATE THE WAY THEY SAW IT. THE GOVERNMENT'S WISH WOULD BE TO MOVE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IF THE LATTER WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS HOW PROGRESS COULD BE MADE. IT WAS WRONG FOR ANYONE TO CLOSE THEIR MINDS TO ANYTHING THAT COULD END VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR BRING PEACE AND STABILITY: "LET US RETAIN THE OPENNESS WHICH IS THE KEY CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS DOCUMENT". HE HOPED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FACE UP TO THE REALITIES OF THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND TO THE FACT THAT THE FORUM PARTIES HAD FACED THE REALITIES OF THAT SITUATION IN A WAY NOT DONE BEFORE. HE HOPED FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT A SUMMIT SAID THAT THERE WAS A CURRENT DIALOGUE ON MANY LEVELS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD CONTINUE.

6. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF 2 MAY IS IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY TELNO 193.

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