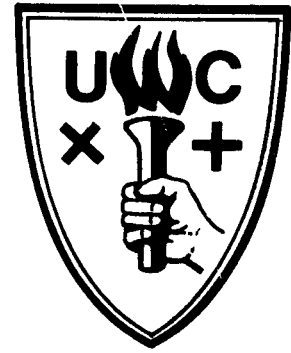


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CONVENTION AND CONFLICT

The constitutional stoppage in **May, 1974** was a concerted victory for the Ulster Loyalist people, after years of Republican rebellion — and Political Deceit by the then leaders of the Official Unionist Party and the Westminster Government. In the wake of the constitutional stoppage, Westminster belatedly realised that the ordinary people of Ulster could not and would not accept the Sunningdale sellout.

In particular the labour government were suddenly aware of the power of the Ulster workers which had been mobilised by the U. W.C., and they plainly got the message that the I. C.T.U. and some of the full-time Officials of British based trade unions were completely out of step with the ordinary workers. It is a bold fact, that many of these full-time officials were using their position within the trade union movement to further political aspirations which were totally alien to the trade union membership at large. We must now have an Ulster T.U.C. and stop this mass misrepresentation.

What did we gain from the stoppage?

Firstly, we regained our dignity as Loyalists after years of treason, double-dealing and appeasement.

Secondly, we reminded Harold Wilson and his colleagues in government, that Ulster workers (just like their fellow-workers in Britain) could not be pushed around like sheep.

Thirdly, we reminded Britain that Ulster's loyalty could not be taken for granted — it must be earned!

Finally, we killed Sunningdale with its many trappings and got a pledge from Westminster, on fresh elections to an Ulster Constitutional Convention.

The convention Elections — 1st MAY, 1975.

In this election the Loyalist people must vote for the candidates who are proven, solid and reliable Ulstermen. Those men who have changed sides in the course of time and the many "fence-sitters," are unreliable and should not be supported. Remember,

that second, third and fourth preference votes can be as valuable as first preference votes when transferred — so if in doubt leave them out.

Pre Conditions.

The Westminster government promised that they would not lay down pre-conditions for the Convention but in typical fashion they have proceeded to do just that. A "green paper" on Ulsters financial position issued by Westminster, was swiftly followed by a series of "Blackmail Speeches" all designed to persuade the voters to accept Westminsters political directives, irrespective of their sincerely held views.

At the same time many of Ulster's normally viable industries began a struggle for survival.

Shirt factories are faced with closure due to the sudden influx of FOREIGN PRODUCTS.

Sydenham Naval Air-Yard has been stripped of its contract to, service Navy fighter planes.

Textile firms in general are badly hit by the import of cheap foreign goods.

Small Engineering factories are also feeling the pinch, as orders from Britain dry up.

H. & W. Ship-Yard is again tossed into the political arena to be kicked about by all-comers, (including ENOCH POWELL. !?)

This deterioration in Ulster's Industry is controlled by the Westminster Government, it is their direct responsibility and they must shoulder the blame for any resulting unemployment.

Reasons for Conflict.

Despite the promise of no convention pre-conditions, the Westminster Government under Harold Wilson has declared its Republican sympathies, by once again seeking an Irish dimension and power-sharing with pro-republican elements (S.D.L.P.) It seems crystal clear, that gerrymandered redundancies and factory closures in Ulster are an integral part of Westminster's political strategy, employed to enforce a change in traditional voting patterns

Financial and Political Blackmail must be opposed and will be opposed by all true Ulstermen.

THE ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL

Membership Application Form

Please read the following Constitution and Objects if you wish to join the Ulster Workers' Council.

Constitution and Objects of U.W.C.

The UWC is a non-violent organisation, non-aligned to any paramilitary group or any political party. The Council firmly believes in Loyalist unity and will work willingly with any other group to obtain a secure future for Ulster and its loyal citizens. The structure of the Council is broadly constituted to embrace the aspirations of all Loyalist workers, from manual workers through to the professional ranks; it operates throughout industry, commerce, medicine, agriculture, communications and community services, and is solidly pledged to fight Irish Republicanism and all forms of Communism within the official trade union movement and within the precinct of Ulster.

THE OBJECTS

(a) To promote and maintain the allegiance of Northern Ireland (Ulster) to the British Throne and Succession and to preserve the union between Ulster and Gt. Britain, the same being based on the con-

sent of the parties thereto.

(b) To maintain Ulster's relationship with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

(c) To seek the restoration in Ulster of democratic institutions designed to preserve the British heritage.

(d) To oppose and resist all attempts, to assimilate, or merge Ulster with the Irish Republic.

(e) To encourage UWC members to accept and to seek office within the British and Ulster-based trade unions.

(f) To promote the formation of an Ulster TUC and to reject the operations of the ICTU in Ulster.

(g) To further the interests of Ulster workers and in particular to resist any discrimination against, or, victimisation of Ulster workers.

(h) To promote and carry out such action as may appear necessary in the interests of the foregoing objects.

I have read and agree with the above Objects and Constitution of this Council . I hereby apply for Membership and pay an application fee of 10p.

FULL NAME DATE

ADDRESS COUNTY

BRANCH SECONDER

PROPOSER BRANCH CHAIRMAN

APPROVED BY BRANCH SECRETARY

ON approval the applicant will be supplied with a Membership Card for a further payment of 10p. Thereafter His/Her name will be placed on the Branch Register.