

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE: STANLEY ORME - VENUE STORMONT CASTLE
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The three representatives of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the ULSTER WORKERS' COUNCIL ARRIVED AT STORMONT CASTLE TO MEET MR ORME. THESE WERE: H. PATTERSON, R PAGELS, H. MURRAY.

Before being ushered into the presence of Mr Orme they were made to wait for one hour.

As soon as they met Mr Orme and before they could utter one word, the MINISTER of STATE subjected them to a stream of verbal abuse. The epithets used were: BIGOTS, SECTARIAN EXTREMISTS, and other similar remarks.

When he had spewed out all his hatred of the LOYALIST PEOPLE OF N.I. he then said that he believed in, and would always devote his energies to, A UNITED IRELAND.

The representatives of the Ulster Workers' Council were then permitted to speak.

They explained their feelings on the present constitutional position in N.I. explaining that it was undemocratic and that over 400,000 LOYALIST people were being denied fair and proper representation on the N.I. Executive. They pointed out that Sunningdale, despite propaganda to the contrary, did not represent the views of the two communities in N.I. and was thus a direct contradiction of the intent of the 1973 Constitution Act (N.I.).

They stated that until normal democratic procedures were restored to the Province they had no option but to call a Constitutional Stoppage. In order to alleviate any distress that might be caused they would continue to supply 60% of the electricity normally used in the Province.

Mr Orme then instructed Mr Frank Cooper, his secretary, to carry out the wish of the U W C representatives that the 60% electricity supply would not be abused; that is, diverted to uses other than essential services.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE THEN MADE FOR A FURTHER MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY THE 17th MAY AT WHICH MR REES, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR N.I. WOULD BE THE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE N.I. OFFICE.

AGREEMENT NOT HONOURED

The 60% supply was diverted to industrial complexes such as Maydown and Hutchinsons in Londonderry while bakeries and homes were deliberately deprived.

The meeting scheduled for Friday with the U W C representatives was not held. The N.I. Office denying that any agreements had been made with the U W C's representatives.