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I'M VOTING **1** JIM ALLISTER:



FOR AN EXPERT VOICE IN EUROPE

Jim Allister QC is by far the best qualified candidate to deliver for Northern Ireland in Europe. He is in a different league from the other candidates.

VOTE
1 Allister
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PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM JIM ALLISTER

I am honoured to be the candidate for the main Unionist Party.

I am pledged to carry on the excellent work done in Europe over the last 25 years by Ian Paisley.



I stand for a fair deal in Europe.

In a Europe of so many competing interests, particularly following Enlargement, the challenge to deliver for Northern Ireland is greater than ever. I am ready to take on that challenge on your behalf.

This election also affords you an opportunity to help forward the process of securing a fair political deal for Ulster.

Since the Assembly Election, only the DUP has shown purpose and initiative in seeking durable and democratic devolution. Our proposals have been acknowledged as fair and imaginative. I invite your support as a means of advancing towards a lasting replacement for the failed Belfast Agreement.

In this election Sinn Fein/IRA has a naked ambition to top the poll.

As the UUP squabbles and divides, it is only by voting for the largest unionist Party that you can face down this challenge and deny the IRA the propaganda coup it seeks.

Accordingly, I ask for your number one vote on 10th June.

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INTRODUCING JIM ALLISTER:

PERSONAL PROFILE

Jim Allister is a man of notable ability. He stands head and shoulders above the other candidates in this election.

As a QC he has reached the top rank of the legal profession. Now, he stands ready to devote his talents to serving the interests of Northern Ireland in Europe.

Born in County Down and educated at Regent House, Newtownards and at Queen's University, where he first engaged in politics, Jim was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1976.

He left private practice for a time to become Ian Paisley's Personal Assistant in Europe from 1980-82. He therefore has first-hand experience in Europe and of the work of an MEP. He served in the Northern Ireland Assembly, 1982-86, where as DUP Chief Whip he emerged as a prominent political figure.

Noted for his debating skills and tactical ability he soon earned a reputation as an able politician.

In 1987 he returned to the Bar to concentrate on his legal career. He built up his practice to the point in 2001 when he was elevated to the Senior Bar, where he has enjoyed a successful career, specialising in criminal law.

Married to Ruth, they have a daughter, Karen, and two sons, Graeme and Philip. The family lives in the heart of County Antrim, near Ballymena.





A MESSAGE FROM THE DUP LEADER:



I have had the honour of serving you for 25 years in Europe.

I am pleased to recommend to you Jim Allister as my successor in the European Parliament.

Jim was my first European Assistant and knows the workings of Europe and the demands of the job. With his abilities and experience he is well placed to carry on where I have left off. I know he will do a good job for you.

This election, of course, is about more than European issues. It is also about re-affirming Ulster's determination to replace the failed Belfast Agreement with stable and democratic devolution. My party and I have set about that task but we need your further support on 10th June to see it through. Your vote will give us the extra leverage we need.

It is also vital that Sinn Fein/IRA is thwarted in its ambition to top this Province-wide poll. Only the DUP candidate can do so. My parting request of you, as I leave Europe, is that you would come out on 10th June and give Jim Allister your number 1 vote.

Your friend,

Ian R. K. Paisley

Ian Paisley MP MLA

KEEPING UNIONISM AHEAD

STOPPING REPUBLICANS FROM TOPPING THE POLL

The result of the European election always sends out a powerful message both in Northern Ireland and across the world. It determines not only who represents Northern Ireland in the European Parliament but declares, who speaks for Ulster.

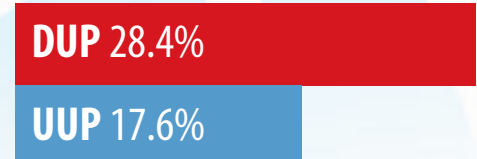
For the first time Sinn Fein/IRA competes with Unionism to top the poll. Having replaced the SDLP as the largest nationalist party Sinn Fein now seeks to be the largest party in Northern Ireland. This nightmare could become a reality unless Unionists turn out and vote number 1 for Jim Allister on 10th June.

Jim Allister is the only candidate who can defeat Sinn Fein in this election. With the UUP hopelessly split and with a candidate who has traditionally trailed in on Ian Paisley's surplus, only the DUP can stop Sinn Fein topping the poll.

THE BATTLE WITHIN UNIONISM

On the unionist side it is clear that only the DUP can stop Sinn Fein/IRA topping the poll. In European elections the DUP has consistently and easily defeated the Ulster Unionist Party.

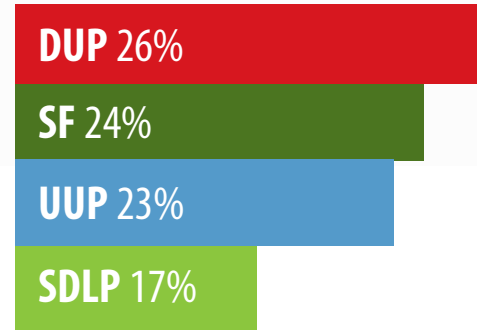
UNIONIST VOTES - 1999 EUROPEAN ELECTION



THE REAL CONTEST

In last year's Assembly election the DUP finished as the largest party in Northern Ireland, while the UUP fell to third place behind Sinn Fein.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS 2003

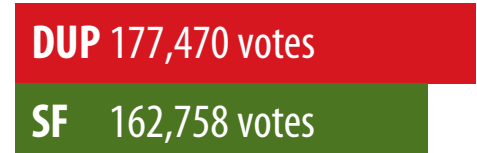


These figures for the DUP do not include anti-agreement votes won by candidates such as Jeffrey Donaldson and his colleagues. In consequence the DUP's position as the leader of Unionism is indisputable.

The real contest in this election is therefore between the DUP and Sinn Fein.

The DUP won 15,000 more votes than Sinn Fein in the Assembly elections. With a likely further decline in the SDLP vote more votes will be needed this time to ensure that unionism continues to lead in Europe.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS 2003



Turnout will be crucial. It is important that unionists turn out and vote on June 10th for Jim Allister as the only candidate who can beat Sinn Fein. Wasting a first preference vote on other candidates will only help Sinn Fein/IRA to top the poll. Likewise, Unionists who stay at home are aiding Sinn Fein.

I'M VOTING **1** JIM ALLISTER:



TO STOP SINN FEIN / IRA TOPPING THE POLL

Only the DUP can stop
SF/IRA topping the poll
and claiming to represent
Northern Ireland across
the world.

VOTE
1 Allister
Leading for Ulster!



KEEPING UNIONISM AHEAD:

DEVOLUTION NOW

In February this year we published 'Devolution Now', our proposals for the Government of Northern Ireland. These proposals are based on the policies and principles for which we received the overwhelming support of unionists in the Assembly elections in November 2003. They offer a positive way forward and are true to core unionist values.

'Devolution Now' takes account of political realities in Northern Ireland and allows for change in the nature of the administration in the light of prevailing circumstances. It offers an opportunity for all democrats to participate in an Executive style Government but does not allow the process to be held to ransom by those involved with terrorism.

The proposals meet our core tests of being stable, accountable, effective and efficient.

- Ultimate power should reside with the Assembly rather than with the Departments and should be exercised in a manner which can command cross-community support.
- An efficiency commission should be established to ensure that institutions offer value for money.
- There are three potential forms of administration which could be formed:
 - a **Voluntary Coalition** which can command cross community support,
 - a **mandatory coalition** involving all the major parties, or
 - a **corporate assembly** in which the Assembly as a whole would take executive decisions.

A mandatory coalition to include Sinn Fein is only possible when they are demonstrably committed to exclusively peaceful and democratic means. This requirement must be rigorously judged against the words of Prime Minister Tony Blair. For example, on 15th January this year he said, "We cannot have a situation where people are expected to sit in Government with political parties

attached to active paramilitary organisations."

We believe that only when the 'Blair Necessities' have been met can Sinn Fein be entitled to a place in Government. The political process must not be put on hold to await the IRA.

As the IMC report confirms, Sinn Fein/IRA continues to be mired in violence. Accordingly, the political process should now move on without them. Only such action will give meaning to the Government's words of condemnation.

We believe that the best form of Government possible for Northern Ireland would be a Voluntary Coalition, where there would be agreement between the Government partners and a Cabinet exercising collective responsibility. We are ready to form such an administration with democratic parties including the SDLP as soon as the necessary arrangements can be put in place.

If Sinn Fein/IRA is not willing to abandon all the trappings of paramilitarism and the SDLP is not willing to form a Voluntary Coalition, then rather than have a continued period of Direct Rule, the Assembly should take decisions on a corporate basis as local councils do. This is not a perfect way to administer a region but is preferable to Direct Rule.

All decisions would need to be capable of being passed on a cross-community basis, with the collective Assembly rather than any individual being ultimately responsible for decisions.

The cumbersome nature of this form of administration would be a significant spur to make progress towards one of the coalition forms of government. Equally it would provide a safety net in the event of any misbehaviour in the political process.

Contrary to false claims of the discredited Ulster Unionist Party, which three times chaperoned Sinn Fein into the heart of Government, the Corporate Assembly does not bestow executive power on Sinn Fein. There would be no Executive, but rather powers exercised collectively by the Assembly.

We believe that 'Devolution Now' has exploded the myth that there can be no alternative to the Belfast Agreement and is designed to survive, regardless of the outcome of any election or the behaviour of any of the participants.



Even newspapers which traditionally oppose the policies of the DUP have commented on our proposals.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID:

BELFAST TELEGRAPH - 6TH FEBRUARY 2004

DUP plan worthy of serious study

VIEWPOINT

When a party that is notorious for saying "no" comes up with constructive proposals, it behoves everyone to sit up and take notice. Today the DUP unveiled its blueprint for political progress in Northern Ireland, and nobody should dismiss it.

The pragmatism of the DUP's proposals may surprise some people in both sections of the community. But they have been carefully drafted and are worthy of serious debate and consideration. It could well be a case of devolution now, or never.

IRISH NEWS - 7TH FEBRUARY 2004

A Blueprint worthy of study

EDITORIAL

The DUP's long awaited proposals for restoring devolution which were finally released yesterday deserve to be studied closely by all those parties with a serious interest in political progress.

NEWS LETTER - 7TH FEBRUARY 2004

DUP Breaks Talks Mould

FRONT PAGE

DUP rides the wave of rising confidence within unionism

MORNING VIEW

With the November election the DUP broke the mould of unionist politics. With its Devolution Now document it has broken the mould of post-referenda constitutional debate.

It has managed to do so without challenging or undermining the will of the people as expressed by those referenda and without being untrue to its election pledges and various manifestos. No objective observer may dismiss this initiative as another DUP 'stunt'.

It will no doubt stick in the throats of the DUP's many impassioned adversaries, not least in the Ulster Unionist Party to have to admit it: but admit it they must; if they are not to be seen as cavilling for the sake of it... It is original in the very coherence and comprehensive nature of its scope and at the same time, it is not inflexibly prescriptive...

In the weeks ahead, it will serve as a major, if not the dominant reference point for the Review process... the DUP which held back for long while others took risks, has now made what could prove to be the most decisive move in the long and painful pilgrimage to a stable, peaceful and reconciled community.

IRISH TIMES - 7TH FEBRUARY 2004

Proposals will put Sinn Fein on the back foot

GERRY MORIARTY

The genius of the DUP's Devolution Now is that it could work.

The tactical strength of the DUP Devolution Now document is that it will put Sinn Fein and the IRA on the back foot... It also poses searching questions for the SDLP, but the main pressure, which they will refuse to acknowledge for quite some time, but acknowledge they must, is on republicans. ...But how can Sinn Fein totally reject all the ideas of this document? It might do initially but only by sounding like the DUP of old. Twice last year the IRA did a little but not enough to try to break the political deadlock. Will it do more now?

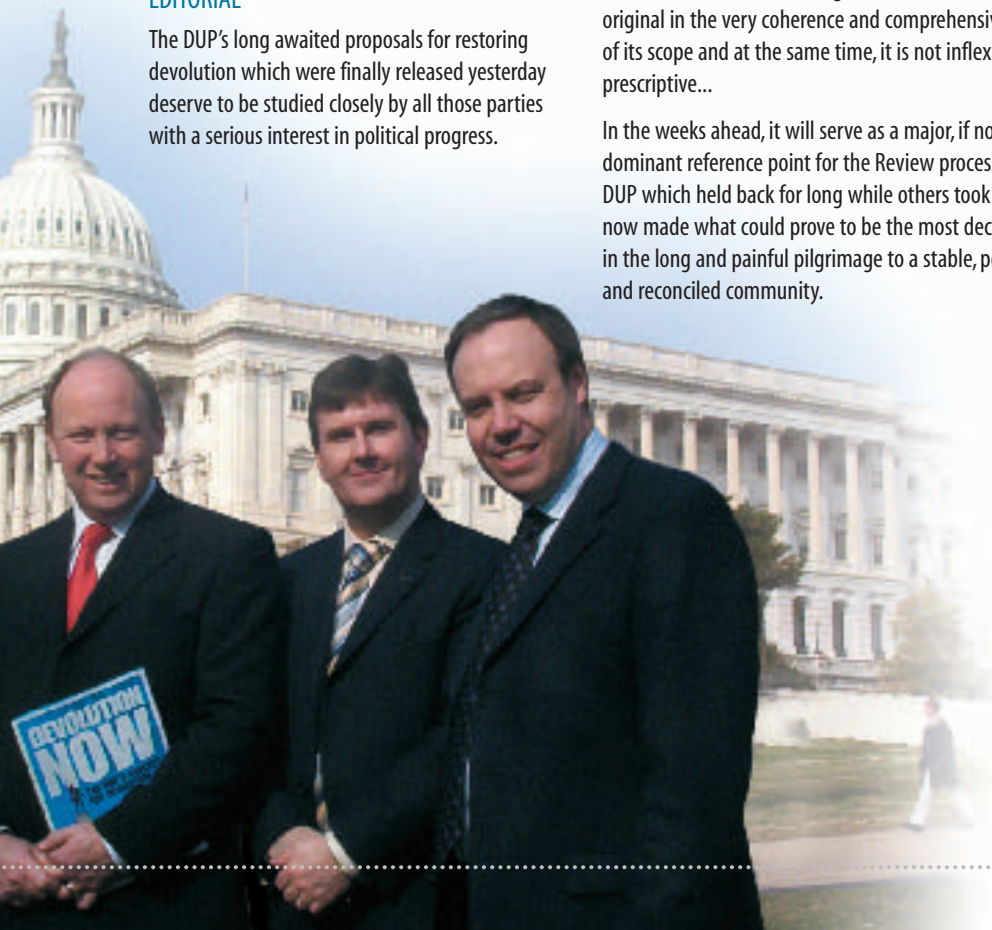
The genius of this paper is that it could work; it could even eventually persuade the IRA to leave politics to Sinn Fein. And if it doesn't it won't be the fault of the DUP. And who will the rejectionists be then?

Ambitious document craftily turns the tables on party's critics

FRANK MILLAR

Dr Paisley and his colleagues do not intend to offer themselves as an easy scapegoat in any new blame game. To the contrary this negotiating document - bearing all the signs of Mr Robinson's considerable craft - has, at least temporarily, turned the tables and left others with questions to answer...

Mr Trimble's other problem is that many of his Assembly members will now be willing the DUP to succeed.



STRENGTHEN OUR HAND

This election comes at one of the most crucial periods of negotiations in Northern Ireland's history. Thanks to the DUP victory in November, unprecedented pressure has come on Sinn Fein from all sides to give up violence for good.

There exists a real prospect of getting a form of devolution for Northern Ireland which can command the support of the unionist community as well as the nationalist community.

Our proposals offer a positive way forward. Our mandate at the Assembly election means we cannot be ignored and our principles mean we will not be pressurised in negotiations.

This election will be a vital barometer of the political process in Northern Ireland.

Support and endorsement of our proposals will give us greater strength in negotiations. A weakening of our position will tempt the Government back down the road of gestures and stunts. No doubt, as before, the Ulster Unionists would then bring Sinn Fein back into Government without the total end of the IRA. This must not be allowed to happen.

We need an endorsement for our positive, imaginative and principled position. A good result for the DUP will mean that our demands cannot be ignored or sidestepped.

A good result will also strengthen our hand as we seek to secure a deal which can deliver peace and devolution to Northern Ireland for the long term. The time for short-term fixes is over. There must be a resounding vote for the position the DUP has taken since last November.

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Both at home and abroad people recognise that the DUP now has to be accommodated because of the strength of support in the community. This has been important in reshaping the political debate in Northern Ireland and has resulted in the prospect of a long-term settlement.

Democratic parties are only as strong as the electoral mandate they receive. For years the Government and other political parties sought to sideline the DUP. They were able to proceed on the basis that they had the support of the UUP as the largest unionist party and ignored our opposition. As a result unionism suffered defeat after defeat in negotiations, and republicans bought concessions with meaningless gestures and stunts.

Since November our voice cannot be ignored. Rather than being ignored our view and position is now critical to the future. Your votes have revolutionised the political process.

As a result our standing with the Government and in the United States has been transformed and your voice can now be heard at the highest level.

On June 10th it is essential that your voice continues to be heard and the message must be sent out loud and clear that unionists will not be caving in to republicans again. We must ensure that the days of one-sided concessions are gone forever, and make sure that unionists shape the political debate.

On June 10th let us keep up the good work. Let us send out the message that our support is growing, and that any deal must have the support of the unionist community.

On June 10 vote number 1 Jim Allister.

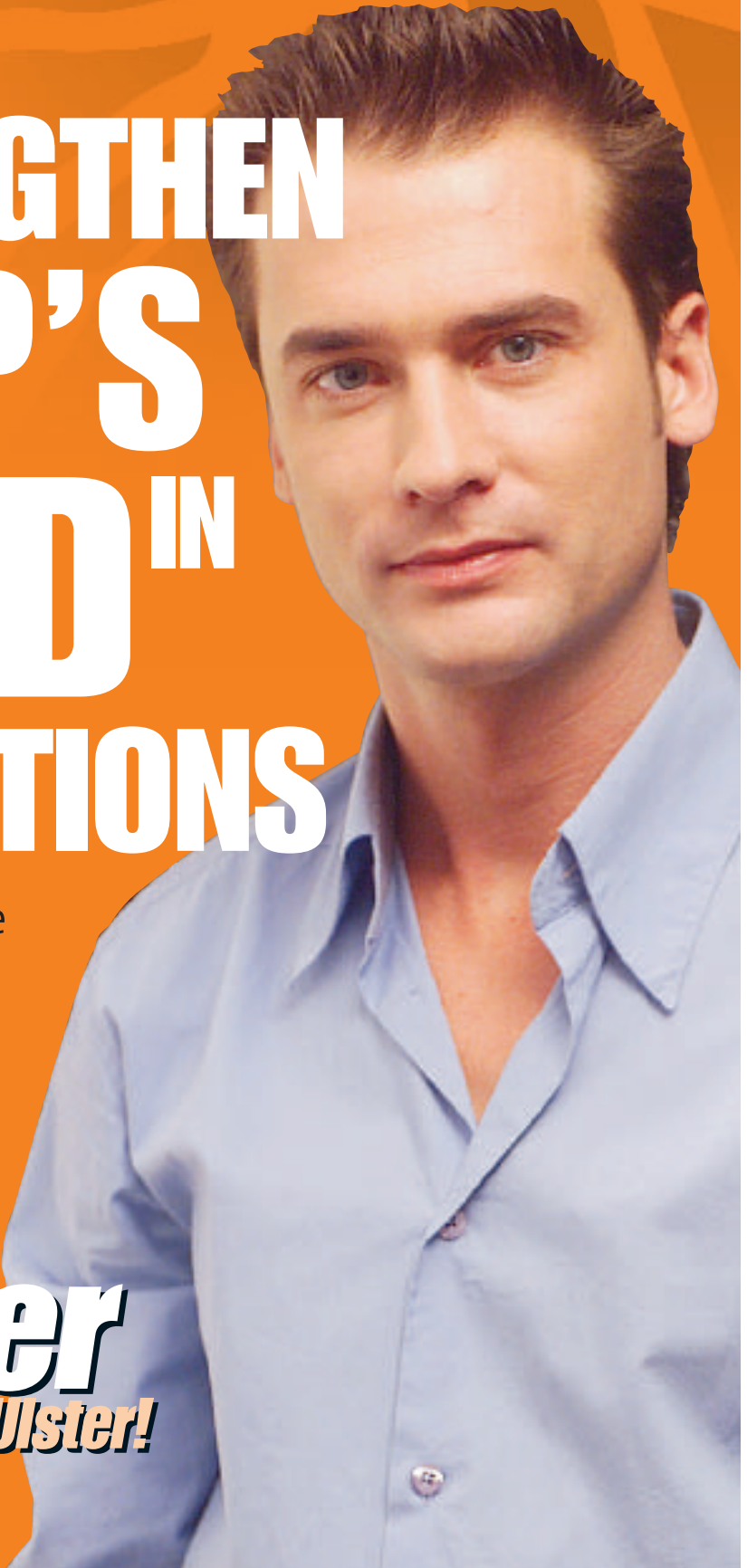
I'M VOTING **1** JIM ALLISTER:



TO STRENGTHEN THE DUP'S HAND IN NEGOTIATIONS

Success in the election for the DUP will allow the party to continue with its principled and positive agenda.

VOTE
1 Allister
Leading for Ulster!



BUILDING ON THE UNIONIST REVIVAL

This election gives unionist voters the chance to build on the revival which is underway within unionism. For the first time in many years unionist confidence is growing and there is a belief that better times could lie ahead. On June 10th this process can continue and receive fresh impetus with a good result for the DUP.

The Assembly election result last November demonstrated that there was a fundamental change within the political process in Northern Ireland. At the polls the unionist electorate rejected the Ulster Unionist Party and its failed policies. They rejected the one-way concession process and the defeatism which has dominated unionism in recent years and voted for a positive and confident unionist party.

The DUP defeated the Ulster Unionist Party by over 20,000 votes despite claims right up to polling day that the Ulster Unionists would win the election.

The result made it clear to the Government that it could no longer continue to pander to republicans and that the unionist position could not be ignored. Over the last few months it is evident that they have accepted this position.

Despite having claimed before the election that the Belfast Agreement could not be changed the Government very quickly trimmed it back to the fundamental principles which underlie the Agreement. The fundamental principles which they identified were in line with our policies and pre-election pledges.

Another factor which has been crucial in the revival of unionist confidence has been the defection of three Ulster Unionist Assembly Members, including one Member of Parliament. Hundreds of new members from the Ulster Unionist Party and those who have never been involved in any political party have also joined the fast-growing DUP. Jeffrey Donaldson, Arlene Foster and Norah Beare have already made a significant contribution to the party in the time they have been with us.

Whilst others talk about unionist unity the reality is that unionists are uniting behind the DUP. The DUP is now the dominant voice within unionism and has set out a positive vision for the future.

As the Ulster Unionist Party descends into a vicious spiral of division and decline, the DUP is building every day. Whilst our unity of purpose gives us the strength to negotiate, their division distracts from the real work to be done.

Having fought the Assembly elections on the basis of detailed principles and policies, in February we launched our "Devolution Now" proposals. These proposals have won support across the political spectrum and have given a further boost to the unionist community.

It is apparent to the Government that the DUP will never roll over like the UUP in return for a gesture or stunt. This knowledge makes the ultimate resolution of the conflict more likely. Gone are the days when half-measures are enough to get Sinn Fein into Government in Northern Ireland. Now, only completion will ever allow Sinn Fein into government. If there is no completion then the process must go on without those who are not committed to democracy.

Since November, for the first time in the entire process, all the pressure is on republicans. Recent months have seen pressure exerted both by the British and Irish Governments and also by the United States. It is clear that this pressure is a function of the fact that everyone knows that the DUP will not be bought off with a small move or some contrived language from republicans. We need to top the poll in June to ensure that the focus remains on republicans and that we do not slip back to the days of failure under the Belfast Agreement.

Unionism has a huge amount of ground to regain but it is now moving forward. There is a sense of optimism and confidence that the new leadership of unionism, the DUP, will hold firm on matters of principle and can deliver a better future for all the people in Northern Ireland.

Since November, whilst the Ulster Unionists have squabbled, we have put the brakes on the concessions, ensured that the maximum pressure has been exerted on republicans and demonstrated the party's positive agenda for the future. Our strategy and position has been recognised both at home and abroad, and the party has revitalised the image of unionism from one of defeatism to one of confidence.

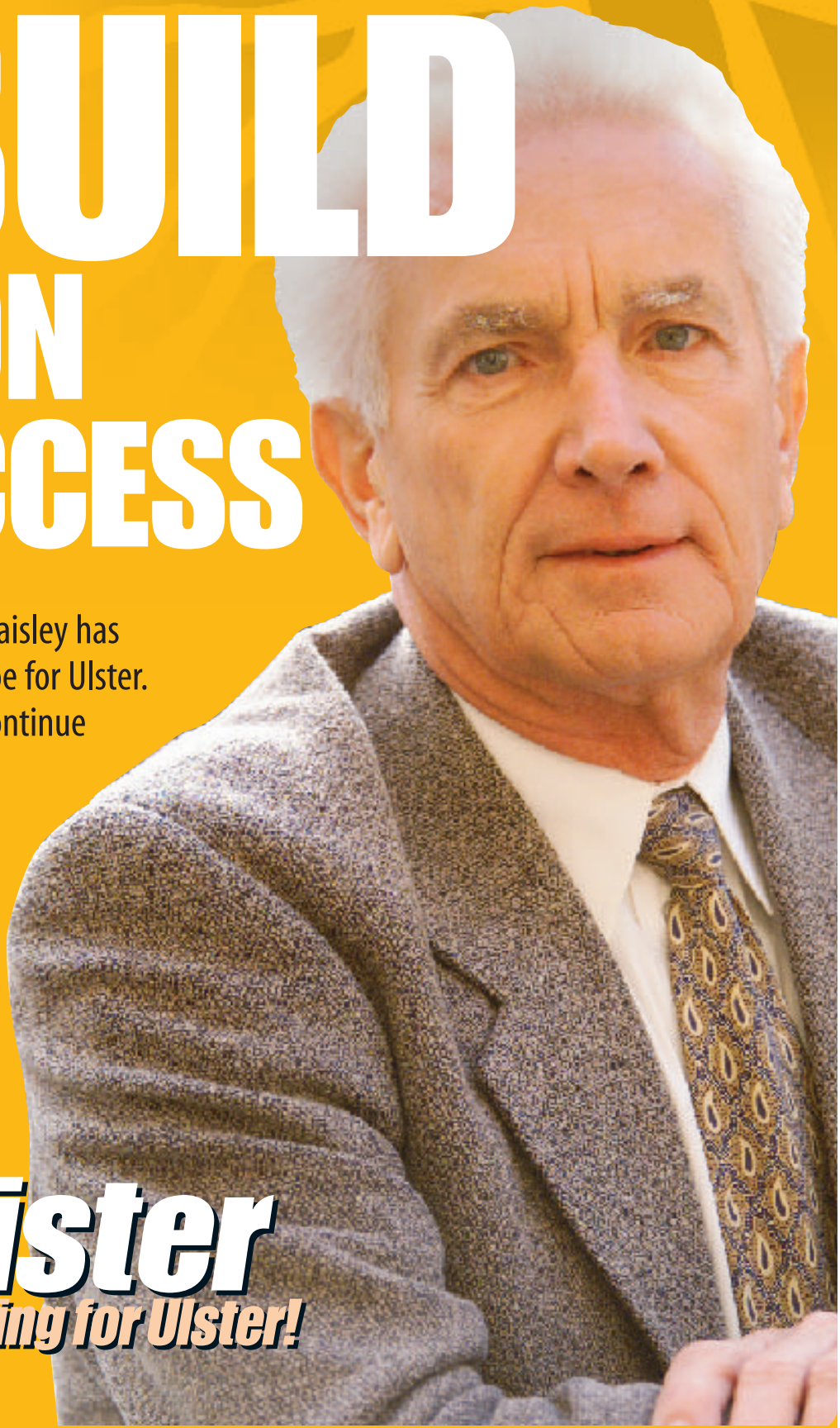
It is vital for this progress in Northern Ireland to be built upon in the European election. A number 1 for Jim Allister on 10th June can ensure that the unionist revival continues and unionism remains on the road to recovery.

I'M VOTING **1** JIM ALLISTER:



TO BUILD ON SUCCESS

For 25 years Ian Paisley has delivered in Europe for Ulster. Jim Allister will continue the work.



VOTE
1 Allister
Leading for Ulster!

The past 25 years has seen Ulster represented in Europe by Ian Paisley. He unstintingly sought to ensure this province was kept to the fore in an ever-expanding Europe. What is more, he succeeded!

IAN PAISLEY IN EU

Endorsed by the people as 'First In Europe' at every election, his mandate remains on the record books. It was no fluke that Ian Paisley topped the poll at every European election. It was the result of faithful representation, fruitful lobbying and forthright defence of the needs of his constituents.

Crucial to his success was the fact that Ian Paisley was a free and unfettered voice in the European Parliament. He did not align himself to any of the large groupings, retaining his independence in order to have no restraints placed upon him when it came to securing the best deal for the Province. This policy of putting Ulster first will continue.

His expertise in understanding the agricultural sector won him the title "the farmers' friend" as he pursued their interests through crisis after crisis.

Securing what is now referred to as "the peace money" evidenced that he had the influence to win money from Europe. The allocation of that money for the needs of communities devastated by terrorism showed his understanding that their concerns be addressed at ground level.

**Representing, debating,
Ian Paisley's quarter
Jim Allister and**



ROPE

lobbying and winning are the trademarks of century in Europe. That foundation is a sure one for the DUP to build upon in this new era of an enlarged Europe.



DELIVERING IN EUROPE

SECURING A FAIR DEAL FOR ALL IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Even Ian Paisley's enemies acknowledge that in his 25 years in Europe he delivered for Northern Ireland. Whether for farmers, fishermen or consumers, the DUP has a record in Europe which is second to none. Jim Allister is well versed in European issues and is pledged to continue the DUP's record of delivery. He has the ability and skill to do so.

COMBATING GLOBAL TERRORISM

As recent events in Madrid have highlighted, terrorism is now a European-wide threat. In Northern Ireland we need no reminding of the horror caused by terrorism. Experience has taught us that pandering to terrorists only encourages paramilitary activity.

The DUP supports firm and co-ordinated anti-terrorist measures which will assist in combating the continued global threat. We have consistently supported such measures and action at Westminster and Jim Allister will pursue this policy in Europe. It is our policy to bring justice, not concessions, to terrorists.

In Europe Jim Allister will highlight the links between the IRA and global terrorists such as FARC and ETA.

OPPOSING THE NEW EU CONSTITUTION

The new EU constitution will fundamentally alter the relationship between Europe and the member states. The way in which we are governed will be irrevocably changed.

Believing in the primacy of national sovereignty Jim Allister opposes the transfer of powers from democratically elected governments to central unaccountable bureaucrats in Brussels and is therefore opposed to the new constitution. A Europe of co-operating nation states does not require a constitution, a Europe designed to become a superstate, does.

The new constitution will:

- Involve giving up national political power which will ultimately lead to a European Superstate
- Cause British economic, political and foreign policy to be subject to the wishes of all the member states of the EU, rather than being determined by our own Parliament
- Give primacy to EU law over national law
- Create an EU Minister of Foreign Affairs who shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy
- Prohibit our national Parliament from legislating in certain areas
- Give the EU a legal personality allowing it to enter treaties and international agreements on our behalf without our consent
- Determine by majority vote areas of policy which previously required unanimity by member states
- Adopt a new Charter of Fundamental Rights. This Charter is a threat to Northern Ireland's common law jurisdiction and transfers aspects of control from our judges to the Court of Justice in Luxembourg
- Provide for the election of a European President
- Grant Europe powers to standardise civil and criminal law
- Establish a European Defence Force which would destabilise and threaten NATO

The DUP is delighted that the Government has been forced to concede a referendum within the UK on the proposed constitution. Jim Allister and the DUP will play a leading role in campaigning for a 'no' vote.

I'M VOTING **1** JIM ALLISTER:



TO DEFEND
**BRITISH
SOVEREIGNTY
IN EUROPE**

Jim Allister will work to oppose the European Constitution which transfers powers from Westminster to Brussels.

VOTE
1 Allister
Leading for Ulster!



DELIVERING IN EUROPE:

BATTLING FOR FUNDING

The May 2004 enlargement of the European Union will adversely affect the funding status which Northern Ireland has enjoyed in past years.

Hitherto we have enjoyed Objective 1 status, though since 2000 we have been in transition, with structural funding only committed until 2005. This transition is aimed at easing Northern Ireland out of its designation as an Objective 1 region.

With the accession of economically depressed states from eastern Europe, Northern Ireland's share of structural funding will reduce. The priority is to ensure that Northern Ireland does not fall below Objective 2 status.

The Government is currently seeking to limit the role that Brussels has in the development and funding of regional policy. This would impinge upon funding to Northern Ireland. It is imperative that our Government does not pursue initiatives which adversely affect parts of the United Kingdom.

The DUP is committed to:

- Securing European funding in addition to (not in substitution for) national funding.
- Seeking transparency in the funding arrangements.
- Ensuring the Government invests properly and appropriately in Northern Ireland to redress past under-funding.

We are committed to:

- Securing Northern Ireland's position as an Objective 2 region within the new enlarged Europe.
- Maximising Northern Ireland's share of funding from Brussels.
- Lobbying Government to ensure that any change in regional policy control does not adversely affect Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland has also enjoyed special funding through the PEACE initiatives. PEACE 2 is coming to an end. Jim Allister is committed to seeking an extension of this initiative; in particular he is committed to:

- Ensuring that any extension of the PEACE funding will be re-cast to enable victims of terrorism to secure meaningful benefit.
- Ensuring that increased funding is applied fairly so that the deficit suffered by unionist areas is reversed.

For too long EU funding has been used by Central Government to mask the woefully inadequate investment it has made within Northern Ireland. The review of rating and water charging serves to highlight the under-investment of central government.

EU funding ought to be additional rather than a substitute for funding from national governments. The DUP has been to the fore in highlighting the inadequacies of Government funding and we will continue to do so. Whilst we lobby Europe for additional funding we will continue to press for primary funding from Central Government.

CUTTING WASTE

Brussels has become a by-word for bureaucracy and waste. 5% of the entire budget goes to fund the EU's own institutions. Since it is your hard-earned cash which is used, Jim Allister will expose and oppose both the squandering of your money and the needless proliferation of red tape which hurts business and costs us all dear.



DELIVERING IN EUROPE:

KEEPING THE POUND

Jim Allister will fight to keep the pound in order to retain national control of our economy and interest rates. Lessons from history indicate that monetary union or convergence simply doesn't work for the UK.

Giving up our own currency would impact adversely on Northern Ireland and our economy. Key economic decisions would be handed over to faceless, unelected and unaccountable bankers and bureaucrats in Europe. The DUP is committed to accountable government. Accountable elected UK politicians are better placed to take economic decisions on our behalf.

Entry to the Euro would control the levels and allocation of public spending and also impact upon our taxation regime. A harmonised tax system is the natural corollary to a harmonised currency.

The Euro-Zone is a 'one size fits all' approach to economics. With enlargement, the British economy would be aligned not only to France and Germany, but also to economically depressed countries such as Poland and Slovakia. A unitary economic approach is not in Northern Ireland's best interests.

Those countries which have joined the Euro have suffered through inflated prices and economic subservience to the needs of others. Signing away our sovereignty would threaten our economic stability and could potentially lead to a return to boom and bust economics which plagued Britain in the past.

Joining the Euro is too great a risk to take. The single currency is simply part of a political process to centralise power in the hands of unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats.

Jim Allister will therefore fight to keep the pound.



REASONS TO KEEP THE POUND:

1. Giving up interest rates means losing economic control
2. Economic integration is a precursor to political union
3. Control of our economy is handed over to the unaccountable, undemocratic European Central Bank
4. Joining the Euro will adversely affect our economic stability and our economic relationship with the USA
5. UK has very strong trading links outside Europe
6. The Euro suffers from greater exchange rate volatility than the pound
7. Giving up the pound means losing control over public spending
8. The Euro will fail without a harmonised tax policy - does the UK want to be part of a European tax system?
9. Losing the pound means losing flexibility in employment
10. Joining the Euro will adversely affect wages in the UK and as in the Republic, increase inflation
11. Being in the Euro will affect pension provision in the UK
12. Britain is prospering outside the Euro, with a much lower rate of unemployment than prevails in Europe
13. The Pound Sterling is a major world currency in its own right
14. Staying out of the Euro gives the UK a competitive advantage

DELIVERING IN EUROPE:

WORKING FOR FARMERS

Over the last 12 months, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has undergone the most radical shake up in its history.

The reform of the CAP was to prepare Europe for 10 new Central and Eastern European countries joining the EU and to prepare Europe for the World Trade Organisation discussions.



CAP REFORM- STILL WORK TO BE DONE!

Although the main deal has been reached for reforming the CAP, much work still has to be done before the new package is introduced next January. Jim Allister will strive to keep Northern Ireland from being disadvantaged by the implementation of new legislation.

EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

Much of the red tape associated with Northern Ireland agriculture arises from European legislation. The Nitrates Directive and the ban on the on-farm burial of animals are two examples of poor legislation that have no scientific justification. It is vital that any new legislation must be practical and not merely cumbersome bureaucracy.

EU ENLARGEMENT - MOVEMENT OF MONEY EASTWARDS

Jim Allister welcomes decoupling and the ability of farmers to be able to focus on producing what the market place requires rather than producing to fulfil subsidy scheme rules. There are, however, concerns about money being removed from Northern Ireland farmers in the form of Financial Discipline and Modulation. An enlarged Europe brings enormous challenges for Northern Ireland farmers.

MODULATION

Compulsory modulation of farm payments has been introduced across the EU. Individual Member States can also introduce additional Voluntary Modulation. Historically DARD has not been transparent about the way in which modulated monies removed from producers within Northern Ireland have been spent. A more transparent method of spending modulated money must be introduced within Northern Ireland.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Jim Allister has great concern over the legislation currently proposed for the introduction of the Nitrates Directive. If introduced, there is no doubt that this will impact in all of the livestock sectors within Northern Ireland and in particular the intensive pig, poultry and milk sector. An urgent rethink on the method of introduction of this, and other environmental legislation, must be found both within Europe and within DARD.

OPPOSITION TO FURTHER CAP REFORM

The CAP reform has already gone too far, particularly with cuts in export refunds within the beef sector. Further reform of the CAP will be required following the Doha round of WTO discussions. Jim Allister will be lobbying within the Europe Parliament to ensure that there is a period of stability in agriculture under the new decoupled era.

Before 2006, there will be a review of the Rural Development Plan - Pillar 2 of the CAP. In the past the UK has not received its fair share of money out of this section of the EU budget. Jim Allister will be working to ensure that this issue is addressed for the next CAP funding period.

DELIVERING IN EUROPE:



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

In Northern Ireland the requirement to meet EU standards in water and sewage disposal has led to much needed expenditure for these necessary upgrades.

Our sewage disposal system in many areas remains unsatisfactory. There must be no let up in the programme of improvements. To meet EU regulated standards adequate national funding must be made available. At present we operate a de minimus approach where too often it is the least that is done.

The extent of inadequately treated effluent around our coast is wholly unacceptable and directly threatens our beaches and environment.

EU Directives must not only be implemented but the necessary funding has to be made available.

PROTECTING THE FISHING INDUSTRY

We believe in the restoration of national control over fishing grounds.

Northern Ireland's fishing industry continues to struggle because of savage cuts to fishing quotas and decommissioning schemes. It is essential for the survival of the industry that recently obtained transitional aid is kept in place on a year to year basis.

The annual quota negotiations in Brussels are critical to Northern Ireland's fishermen. Accordingly Jim Allister will give special and constant attention to this issue.

DELIVERING IN EUROPE:

FACING ENLARGEMENT

The entry of 10 new countries into the European Union has seen its membership increase from 15 to 25 countries and its population increase by one fifth to 450 million people. The new entrants are mainly Eastern European countries, many of which are economically impoverished.

These new members are going to attract European funding much of which has previously gone to areas such as Northern Ireland. With an average GDP per head which is 40% of the pre-enlargement average there now will be an eastward flow of funding.

In the past structural and regional funding brought our Province hundreds of millions of pounds, Northern Ireland will now have to fight harder than ever to attract new funding. Jim Allister is committed to making sure that Northern Ireland gets its fair share and the best possible deal from Europe.

In consequence of the free movement of labour afforded to Member States it is likely that there will be an increase in economic migrants moving across Europe from East to West in search of higher paid jobs and benefits. Jim Allister supports effective measures to ensure that we do not suffer the effects of 'benefit tourists' who would seek to abuse the social security and healthcare systems on offer in Northern Ireland.

Changes also bring opportunities which need to be capitalised on. The development of infrastructure and regeneration within these new member states will provide opportunities for Northern Ireland companies. It is estimated that enlargement will cost 25 billion euros in the first three years, and much of this will be given to infrastructure and development projects. Jim Allister will work to promote Northern Ireland companies in Europe and help them achieve a share of the development opportunities arising in the Member States.

Northern Ireland's place within the European Union is changing and Jim Allister is determined to promote and protect Northern Ireland in an enlarging EU.

GIVE SMALL BUSINESS A CHANCE

Small business is the backbone of Northern Ireland's economy. Yet, above all, because of its limited resources, it feels the burden of Brussels bureaucracy.

The cost of complying with needless EU inspired form-filling for a small business, in terms of manpower and time, is immense. This culture of bureaucracy is suppressing innovative talent and oppressing initiative. Less, not more, regulation is required.

Before rushing into endless regulations the EU needs to 'business proof' its proposals. The EU's present consultation process is geared to big business and the Trade Unions. It ignores the vital sector of small to medium sized business, which is often hit hardest by EU inspired social and employment legislation. At the same time European public sector contracts are tilted by their tendering and procurement system in favour of big business. Small to medium businesses are not getting their fair share of contracts.

The on-going efforts by the Commission and European Parliament to end the UK's 'opt out' on the prohibition on employment for more than 48 hours per week must, in the interests of small business and the freedom of choice of the individual, be resisted.

In defending the interests of small business in the European Parliament, Jim Allister will be defending something which goes to the very core of economic success in Northern Ireland.

NO TURNING BACK.

The Ulster Unionists had their chance to lead unionism and failed. No self-respecting unionist will consent to go back to the failures of the past. No one should be conned by the Ulster Unionists' tough election talk. When the crunch comes they always buckle to republicans.

At this election all the divided Ulster Unionist Party offer is a return to the one-way process of concessions to republicans.

For anyone tempted to believe what the Ulster Unionist Party says at election time just remember what Jim Nicholson said before the last European election,

"...my party reaffirms its manifesto pledge that we will not sit in an Executive with Sinn Fein until the IRA has begun a credible, verifiable and ongoing process of decommissioning leading to complete disarmament by May 2000 as required by the Agreement. No hand in of guns – no hand in Government..."

And remember exactly what happened:

- Within weeks of the election the Ulster Unionists were negotiating to enter Government with Sinn Fein.
- Indeed on 1st December 1999 the Ulster Unionists entered Government with Sinn Fein despite no decommissioning having commenced.
- Again on 29th May 2000, after the date for the completion of decommissioning had passed, the Ulster Unionists re-entered Government without decommissioning having even commenced.
- Not satisfied with being fooled on two separate occasions they re-entered Government on 24th October 2001 on the basis of an act of decommissioning which is now dismissed as meaningless by even the Ulster Unionists.

But for the looming Assembly election the UUP would again have signed up for Government with Sinn Fein/IRA last October. It is clear that the UUP has not learnt the lesson of history.

Recent IRA activity is a clear indication that the violence has not been given up and the words of Gerry Adams last October were yet another attempt to fool the gullible UUP. The IMC report confirms what the DUP has long maintained IRA=Sinn Fein.

It is vital that unionism never again subjects itself to such leadership. Republicans know how to work and exploit the Ulster Unionist Party. They would relish another chance to wipe the eye of Trimble's push-over form of unionism.

In this election Unionism must send out a strong, clear, confident message:

"We're not going back to the humiliation and failure of the Belfast Agreement."

The Ulster Unionist Party has proven that it cannot be trusted with the Union. The past six years are an indication of that failure and the last six months under the DUP show how unionism should be led.

On 10th June vote for a unionist party which keeps its pledges - vote number 1 Jim Allister.

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