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STOREY OPPOSES EAMES/BRADLEY BEGGING BOWL APPROACH TO PARAMILITARIES

North Antrim DUP Assemblyman Mervyn Storey has described claims that The Consultative Group on the Past headed by Lord Eames and Denis Bradley may try to persuade the British Government to formally say it was fighting a war against the republican and loyalist paramilitaries during the Troubles as “an act of moral cowardice”. Commenting further Mr Storey said,

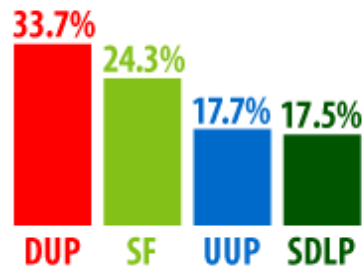
“The idea of an amnesty and the proposal that the Government would grant a terrorist campaign the status of a war is symbolic of democrats going with a begging bowl to terrorists. It would be an absolute obscenity and defies the accepted boundaries between wars and common criminal activity of the sort perpetrated in Northern Ireland.

During the twentieth century we learned exactly what form war really takes and I would challenge Lord Eames and his colleague Mr Bradley to explain how terrorist organisations, which had ignored the conventions of war by carrying out indiscriminate sectarian attacks, could be given the same credibility afforded to national armies.

Lord Eames and Mr Bradley must stand up to the paramilitary Generals and maintain the line on moral decency. It would be an absolute travesty for the Group to provide

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an alibi and an excuse for the murder and mayhem carried out by paramilitaries who's only defining characteristic was their determination to conduct campaigns of indiscriminate terror on the families of security forces and the general public in Northern Ireland.

For over thirty years terrorists in Northern Ireland worked evil which clearly runs against the Geneva Convention and every other directive which was designed to bring order to the madness of war. It was a terrorist campaign carried out by cowards who worked their evil in the dead of night behind balaclavas. Let's not meddle with history.

The ultimate resolution of the past would be justice being served. No one should be above the law and everyone should be subject to the law. I will oppose any attempt to advance this issue in the future."

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