

ORDER PAPER

11 JULY 1997

1. 10.00 am. The Chairman, Mr John Gorman, will take the chair.
2. The Chairman will make his opening remarks.
3. The Democratic Unionist Party to propose the following motion:-

That this Forum

- deplores the orchestrated violence which followed the lawful and peaceful Orange walk in Portadown on 6 July;
- supports the Chief Constable's decision to permit the parade in Portadown to return along its traditional route but is dismayed at aspects of his statement setting out his reasons for granting permission;
- calls for the fundamental rights of freedom of assembly and procession to be upheld and for Article 7 of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 to be enforced;

- recognises the basic flaw in the legislation which permits the use or threat of violence to dictate whether a lawful parade proceeds or not;
- condemns the interference of the Dublin Government in the internal affairs of Northern Ireland which is provocative and which serves to escalate tension in the community.

4. Professor Antony Alcock to propose the following motion:-

This Forum warmly welcomes the European Union's 1995 5 year special programme for peace and reconciliation of 300 million ECU (£240 million), and in particular the targeting of disadvantaged groups for financial assistance, and urges the Union, despite the shortcomings perceived in the first 3 years of operations, to continue to make funds available in the final 2 years in order for the programme to be carried to a successful conclusion.