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Ulster's Strike

Onto again Ulster has been engulfed in the grip of a Strike, with power cuts and road blocks the order of the day. But this was no ordinary strike by workers demanding an ever greater share of the 'national cake' ... this was a selfless attempt to force an ill-advised and reactionary regime to come to its senses and stop imposing an alien and undemocratic system, which in no one way merits the term 'government' on this sorely tried Loyalist people.

Rees stated that we, the Loyalist people, cannot strike our way to the conference table ... what a strange statement from a 'Labour' politician and the representative of a political system which has appeased republican terrorists here in Ulster for nearly five years. The same system has surrendered to terrorism continually to the detriment of the British nation, since 1947 ... the pattern of Burma, India, Palestine (now Israel) the far East, the Middle East, Black Africa, the West Indies, Latin America and Southern Africa is all too familiar. But Rees had better get this, and get it good, Ulster is no coconut colony, and it is the advice of this magazine to tell him that he tell Wilson and the International Agents behind 'Her Majesty's Government' to no longer insult the feelings of this exasperated Ulster people, to accede to the moderate demands of the workers ... 1. an early Assembly Election and 2. The abandonment of the Sunningdale Pact. The strike may be over for the time being, in our view betrayed, but no personal consideration shall induce us to abandon this righteous cause. Let Wilson understand that shall prevail, and if this is not seen to be the case, then Ulster will fight, and Ulster will be right.

Their were those who moaned because they were affected by the results of the strike, it is unfortunate when folk suffer, this much we agree, but what of the suffering of the past five years? over one thousand dead, thousands more mutilated, inconvenience and hardship caused by civil unrest, whole areas evacuated, jobs lost, property destroyed... a whole catalogue of wanton destruction, a catalogue which these men, Wilson, Rees and others, would make only the introduction to a book which we dread even to outline.

We understand that the Representatives of the United Kingdom are thinking, we call on them to think very hard, but if the record of the past is anything to go by, we must doubt their ability to use the faculty of thought, reflection and reason.