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Salient points Mr. Cosgrave might consider makingNew Assembly

Elections to Assembly should be by Proportional Representation
No control over security powers

Executive of new Assembly

Must be minority participation in Executive to ensure real power sharing

Council of Ireland

Must be a strong Council with real functions

Structures thereof might be on European pattern with an Executive representative of the Executives North and South, a parliamentary consultative organ and a permanent Secretariat

Should be a North/South Council

Whitehall will have a real role in the power situation in the North but our relations with Whitehall should be handled bilaterally on a close Dublin/London link

To be seen to be meaningful the Council must have some devolved functions e.g. to begin with tourism, transport, electricity, etc.

Council must have possibility of evolution without restriction

To make Council work there must be British will, a British spur and an Irish carrot

General aim to bring North and South on converging paths so as to encourage eventual reunification in harmony with Britain

Police in the North

If there is to be real peace in the North police must be acceptable to both communities

RUC is not acceptable to minority

Possible structures - Joint London/Dublin control or Council of Ireland control or local Constabulary locally acceptable

Bill of Rights

Any proposals for a Bill of Rights should be practical and not merely declaratory

Should provide built-in safeguards against any future domination of one community by the other and thereby ensure the ending of discrimination

Representation at Westminster

Any proposal for increased representation of the North in Westminster should be opposed

North not an area in which normal democratic principles apply and therefore the obvious argument for increased representation at Westminster falls to the ground. It is in special position because of Irish dimension.

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Nothing should be done which militates against evolution
towards unity

Also increased representation at Westminster naturally
diminishes significance of Council of Ireland

Executive of Assembly

Position first stated by Mr. Heath that there should be a criteria to ensure that Executive be not confined to only one community.

Not adequate.

He indicated later that he accepted that in order to have real power-sharing and minority participation, the Executive should reflect the ^{composition} of the Assembly but preferably in a manner which would not impede the development of ~~new~~ sectarian politics. Suggest~~s~~ that confirmation of this principle be obtained and that when we go back to Dublin, we would consider whether we had any ideas ^{to put forward} on how it should be achieved. At the same time, they might let us know how they would implement the principle.

New Assembly

1. Position Reached

Unicameral Assembly elected by Proportional Representation based on the Westminster Constituencies with six or more members each. No control over security but power to legislate in specific fields e.g. agriculture, education, etc. When it can be seen that they can handle it may be given some role in security

Suggestion

This seems o k but see ^lconfirmation