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The Secretary, Department of Justice.



Tercentenary Celebrations by Orange Order in Donegal.

Attached report dated 14th. September, 1990 received from Chief Superintendent, Letterkenny in relation to the above is forwarded for your information.

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Assistant Commissioner, "C" Branch.

DIVISION OF DONEGAL

Re: Tercentenary Celebrations by Orange Order in Doregal.

The attached report from the Detective Superintendent at Letterhenny is forwarded for information,

(S. Ginty)
Chief Superintendent



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GARDA SIOCHANA
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DIVISION OF DONEGAL

Chief Superintendent, Letterkenny.

RE: Tercentenery Celebrations by Orange Order in Donegal.

On Saturday the 3oth June, 1990 a parade and rally took place at Raphoe, Co. Donegal to celebrate the Tercentenery of the Battle of the Boyne. The event was organised by the Raphoe Orange Lodge.

At 1.15p.m. 14 Bands most of whom were from N. Ireland assembled at McGee's Field, Derry Rd. They marched through the town to the Demonstartion Field close to the Orange hall at McBride St., Raphoe.

At the Demonstration Field, the speakers were introduced by Robert John Fleming, Master of the St. Johnston Grange Lodge. The following is a list of speakers.

- (1) Rev David Brown, Belfast recited some paryers and spoke in relation to the religious aspects of the event.
- (2) Mr John McCrea, Belfast spoke about the history of the occasion.
- (3) Mr Alan Lindsay, Derry spoke about the people of Raphoe Orange Lodge and their achievements.
- (4) Mr. Adam Bustard, Grand Master of Donegal Lodge spoke about the Union of the Derry and Donegal Orange Lodges.
- (5) Rev Martyn Smyth, M.P. Belfast spoke about the achievements that came about as a result of the victory of King William at the Battle of the Boyne. He also referred to the democratic process that came about as a result of the victory.

The speeches were ended by Mr Fleming who thanked the speakers and the organisers of the event. The participants then regrouped and marched back to the assembly point on the Derry Road where they dispersed at $6.30p.\,m.$

During the course of the parade and rally a number of participants gathered signatures in a petition for the release of the UDR FOUR. All approached were seen to sign the petition.

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Approx 750 persons took part in the marches and rally including the Bands and there was approx another 750 persons as onlookers/supporters. Total - 1500 persons.

A major Garda security plan was organised for this event involving Gardai and D/ Branch members from the Division under the direction of Supt. E.F. Murray and Inspector J.F. G'Connor, Letterkenny. Members of the Irish Army were also involved in the Security operation. The entire event passed off with out serious incident except for the arrest of a youth from Sion Wills. Co. Tyrone for being Drunk and Disorderly.

The Organisers of the event were extremely pleased with the Garda Security operation and in a letter of appreciation they commented that "Visitors from Northern Ireland were very impressed by the unobtrusive security arrangements and commented on the relaxed and friendly atmosphere". (Copy of letter attached).

John Zough D/Superintendent.