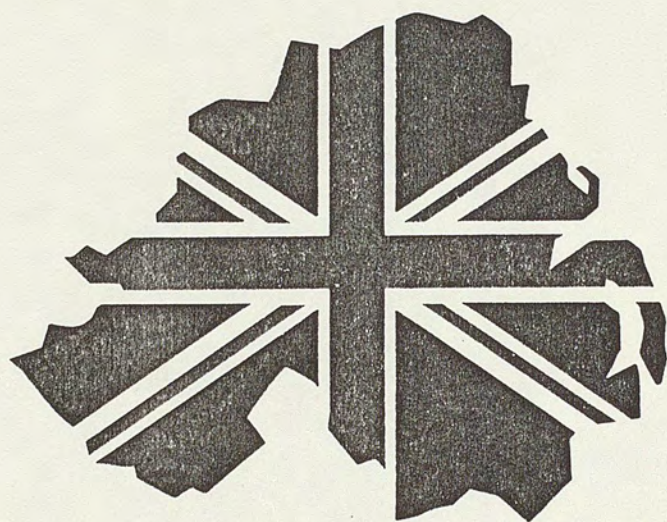


# **JOINT UNIONIST MANIFESTO**



**TO PUT RIGHT  
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*ELECTION 1987*



## **OUR PRIORITY - TO PUT RIGHT A GREAT WRONG**

**W**e seek election to Parliament with one aim only — to use our membership to put right a great wrong done to Ulster.

After full consultation with a minority, (the SDLP) and no consultation whatsoever with the overwhelming majority, (the UNIONISTS) Margaret Thatcher entered into an Agreement with Dublin to give the Irish Republic a powerful say in the Government of this part of the United Kingdom.

**WE ALERTED** the Ulster People, when the Diktat was signed, that its purpose was to take our Province from union with Britain to union with the Irish Republic.

**WE WARNED** that the process would entail a growing involvement of Dublin politicians in the decision making process and that before long laws would appear on the Statute Book whose parentage could be traced to the government of the Irish Republic.

**WE PREDICTED** that, contrary to Mrs. Thatcher's claim that the pact was designed for two-way traffic, it would in reality be a one-way street.

**WE DIRECTED** the attention of the British public to our belief that Nationalists in Northern Ireland and the Dublin Government would accept every benefit, advantage and concession and give nothing in return.

**EVENTS HAVE PROVED US RIGHT.**

## **OUR PROGRAMME**

**T**he Inter-Governmental Conference is joint-authority with the Irish Republic. Politicians who spawned the Provisional I.R.A. can now fly into Stormont to issue instructions and cross-examine Ulster's Security Chiefs.

Under the so-called "Accord" Northern Ireland is being edged out of the Union. In such circumstances normal and conventional political behaviour will not save Ulster. Last year the people of this province gave us a mandate to withdraw our consent from the institutions which betrayed them, thereby denying Government the moral authority to implement the "Agreement". This we have sought to do.

It will be the duty of the elected Unionist MPs to convince the new Parliament of

the grievous errors of their predecessors and to persuade the new Government to take the courageous decision to reverse that which has proved ruinous of all prospects of peace, stability and reconciliation.

We will urgently seek to ascertain whether the new government is prepared to create the circumstances and conditions necessary to encourage successful negotiations, including the suspension of the working of the Agreement and of the Maryfield Secretariat. We will naturally test and assess whether there exists a mood of reality at Westminster which could lead to an alternative to and a replacement of, the so-called "Accord".



**A positive move towards an alternative to the Agreement would ensure a sustained Unionist presence in Parliament.**

A negative response would result in our attendance being limited to periodic tests of the attitude of the House; issues of confidence; conscience; emergencies; or when damage can be inflicted upon the "Agreement". These matters to be settled by agreement between the Leaders and the Parliamentary Parties.

There cannot and will not be any return to normal Parliamentary practice until the process of negotiating an alternative is under way.

If the new Government and House of Commons persists in the folly of the previous Government and House of Commons and the verdict of the Ulster people is once again ignored, a campaign of continued opposition embracing every form of legitimate political protest will have to be undertaken.

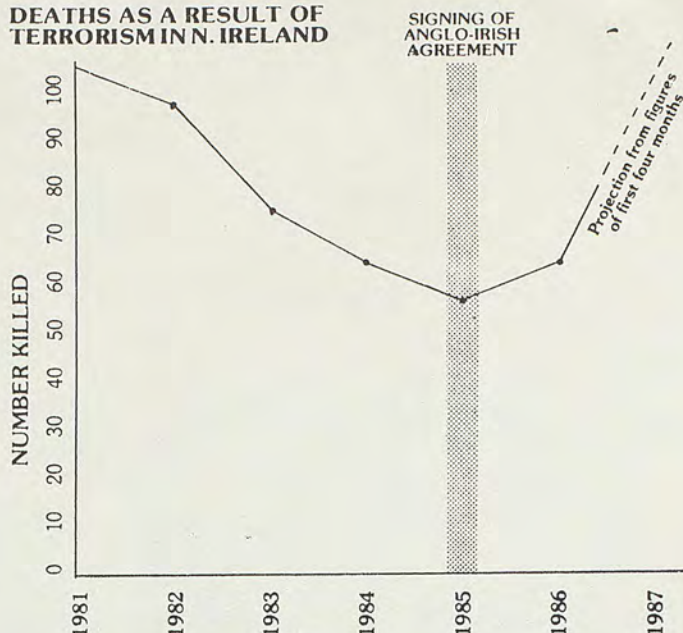
We are offering the consent of the Unionist community in exchange for a fair, equitable and reasonable alternative to a Pact that has left a trail of death and destruction and a legacy of division and instability.

The path ahead will not be easy but we are pledged to see that the sacrifices already made by our suffering people will not have been in vain. We will continue to expose and oppose the Government's disastrous security policies.

The graph is an illustration of the failure of the Agreement to produce the peace promised by the Prime Minister.

We have the greater interest in achieving this goal. It can never be achieved by the "Accord".

DEATHS AS A RESULT OF TERRORISM IN N. IRELAND



In this the worst crisis in our province since 1912 we cannot afford the luxury of ordinary party politics. The heart cry from our people is that UNIONIST UNITY must be both maintained and strengthened. In pursuit of this, we are giving the Ulster people in each constituency the opportunity to give their verdict upon this Joint Manifesto. On the issue of the rejection of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the need for its replacement, all Unionists must speak with one voice. This is the only path to peace.

Both Unionist Parties have therefore entered into a solemn undertaking signed by both Leaders to carry out to the letter the obligations and commitments of this manifesto.

Any M.P. who deviates from this mandate and commitment will have disciplinary action enforced against him by his party.

Neither party will enter into unilateral talks with any government or prospective government but will act together under the manifesto's terms.

Only in UNITY can we go forward, confident that Ulster's great wrong can be put right.

**UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL**