

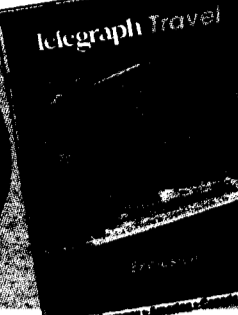

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SHOT RUC MAN CRITICALLY ILL

MURDER WILL NOT DIVIDE COMMUNITY, SAYS BISHOP

City mourns LVF victim

By Julie O'Connor

THOUSANDS of people today lined the streets of west Belfast to bid a sad farewell to LVF murder victim Terry Enright.

In one of the biggest funerals in nationalist areas since the hunger strike, more than 4,000 lined the cortege's route. Mr Enright's widow, Deirdre, led the mourners.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor said the LVF murder had brought the community together.

Bishop Patrick Walsh told mourners at Holy Trinity church that "evil men had robbed us of an irreplaceable and beloved man".

But he said that his murder had united the community rather than divided it and added: "What this solidarity shows is that evil will never win the day."

"We have seen, as a result of this evil murder, a great demonstration of love, unity and support right across the community."



A huge crowd followed Terry Enright's coffin along the Springfield Road in west Belfast. Picture: Brian Morrison.

"Terry's wife, Deirdre, his parents, brothers and family circle have been comforted by the kind expressions of sympathy from people right across the so-called divide in our society."

Thousands of people followed the cortege from his home on the Whiterock Road and then packed into the church to pay their last respects to the esteemed cross-community worker. Bishop Walsh said that it

wasn't only the people who pulled the trigger who had reason to feel guilty today but those who planned it and those who issued the orders. "Those who have, over the years by their inflama-

tory words, fomented the bitterness and hatred which ended with this and so many murders, are also to blame," he said.

A lone piper led the cortege playing the Dawning Of The Day with Belfast peaceline visible in the background.

Children of St Aidan's Primary School — which Mr Enright attended as a boy — lined the route in silent tribute.

Dozens of children and members of Gort na Mona GAA Club carried wreaths and banners with one reading "Goodbye Belfast's Hero". The club's colours draped the coffin.

Mourners included included Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams and Shankill community worker Jackie Redpath.

Tributes continued to pour in for the 28-year-old father of two with around 180 notices placed in today's Irish News.

AN RUC officer was battling for life today after being shot by an undercover woman soldier in north Belfast.

The shooting happened in bizarre circumstances when the soldier crashed her car after being pursued by uniformed police around 1.20am.

The injured officer is understood to have approached the car and was hit in the chest when the soldier fired a number of shots from the vehicle.

The officer is in a critical condition in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The soldier and RUC officers are both believed to have been patrolling in the area as a result of increased surveillance after recent LVF murder attacks.

The RUC has not released details of where the incident began, but it is believed that the two units were operating in Ardoyne or a nearby loyalist area.

It is understood the soldier and police were working independently of each other and were unaware of another patrol in the area.

Both are thought to have been in unmarked cars, although the RUC car was equipped with lights and sirens.

Police are believed to have noticed a car acting suspiciously and pursued it down the Crumlin Road towards the city centre.

The soldier's car crashed at Carlisle Circus and she opened fire seconds later.

Security sources indicated today that there was probably a breakdown in measures which are in place to prevent

Woman soldier fired at officer

By Chris Thornton

security operations stumbling across each other. Assistant Chief Constable Bill Stewart said: "There are very strict guidelines covering police and military operations designed to prevent such situations."

"Without in any way wishing to pre-empt the results of the current investigation, we will be examining every facet of this incident and will take whatever action is necessary to prevent any recurrence."

The RUC said police did not return fire, despite witness claims that there was a brief gun battle.

The Army confirmed that the soldier was alone in the car and on duty at the time of the incident.

Carlisle Circus remained sealed off this morning, causing traffic disruption for commuters.

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No cash for victims of sex abuse

HUNDREDS of victims of child sex abuse are not entitled to compensation, a judge ruled in a test case in the High Court in Belfast today.

Mr Justice Girvan dismissed an application for judicial review brought by a woman, now aged 25, whose sexual abuse began when she was 11.

The man responsible, a friend of her mother, was later jailed for eight years.

She now suffers from severe sexual dysfunction, said the judge, and will require extensive therapy.

The woman was initially refused compensation, because when she applied she was eight months over the age limit of 21.

She then applied for an ex gratia payment, but was also turned down.

Her lawyers chal-

Man is burned in car explosion

By Staff Reporter

A HOUSING Executive worker was burned today when his car exploded in Londonderry.

The man, believed to be a maintenance worker, had just stepped into a Vauxhall Cavalier parked in Rossville Street in the Bogside when it burst into flames.

Eyewitnesses said the man managed to climb out through the sunroof of the car and was taken to a nearby house before being rushed to Altnagelvin Hospital.

Police say they are investigating the incident, which happened around noon, but they do not believe there was any terrorist link.

Local homes and a community centre were evacuated as fire crews dealt with the blaze and police sealed off the immediate area.

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Poll reveals Ulster yes for islands council

By Noel McAdam

A NEW council linking Northern Ireland with Britain and the Irish Republic would be accepted by both unionists and nationalists, a poll revealed today.

Two days after the 'Council of the Isles' was proposed by the London and Dublin governments, the poll showed a majority would support the proposal.

The inter-governmental council, which would facilitate regional co-operation, is acceptable to 72% of Catholics and 52% of Protestants.

Not surprisingly, the idea has the largest support among SDLP voters — 79% — and Sinn Fein voters — 63%.

But it would also be 'acceptable' to 58% of Ulster Unionist voters and 68% of Alliance supporters.

And, despite DUP

claims that the concept was originally theirs, only 33% of DUP voters would deem it 'acceptable', although 66% found such a council 'tolerable'.

Dr Colin Irwin, of the Institute of Irish Studies, who conducted the poll, said: "This proposal could not have even been given serious consideration under the previous Conservative government."

"It is a clear break with the Framework Document and it is only with the creation of a Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly by the Labour government

that such an option can come into play."

A majority of Protestants and Catholics want stability, reconciliation, and the identities of both communities to be respected.

They agreed that both communities should take a full role in the structures and processes of government.

A total of 63% of Protestants said the axing of the Irish Republic's constitutional claim is 'essential' but 70% of Catholics said it would be 'unacceptable'.

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Robles' wrong note

A FRANTIC search was on today to find a replacement harp for world famous harpist Marisa Robles after she was refused permission to bring her instrument on a flight from London.

The Spanish virtuoso was due to appear at a concert at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast this evening with Ulster-born flautist James Galway and the Polish Chamber Orchestra.

Marisa appeared at the official opening of the hall a year ago. On that occasion she had no problem getting her instrument on board her flight.

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Weather Outlook

GREATER BELFAST AREA: The evening will be dry but with increasing cloud and this will bring a spell of rain overnight. Some of the rain will be heavy but it will clear towards dawn to blustery showers with moderate to fresh south east wind. Min temp 4 - 6C. SEE BACK PAGE



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