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Dear Editor:

I would like to commend C-Span for its recent program on the six British occupied and oppressed northeast counties of Ireland which attempted to present all sides and permitted the protagonists to speak for themselves.

I urge you to continue such coverage and to include interviews with Protestant supporters of a United Ireland. History testifies to the large number of Protestant leaders in the long fight for Irish freedom.

Valuable information is available through the American Irish Political Educaiton Committee, Fairgrounds Plaza, West Haverstraw, NY 10993 [REDACTED].

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PARTITION OF IRELAND: THE MINORITY BECOMES A MAJORITY

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"Ulster will fight and Ulster will be right" was the war cry in 1920 of the pro-British loyalist when the treaty between Ireland and England was being negotiated. Actually, there should not have been any debate on independence for all of Ireland, because at the last general election in 1918, when all Ireland -- north and south -- voted, more than 80% of the people of all Ireland voted for a free, independent and sovereign nation. But England, which had inveigled America into "the war for the freedom of small nations," refused to grant majority rule to Ireland. England told the Irish delegates that the province of Ulster would be temporarily separated from the rest of Ireland until an accommodation could be reached with loyalists in Ulster. The alternative given the Irish was an "immediate and terrible war."

When the Orange-English leaders took another look at Ulster they found that in six of Ulster's nine counties, the nationalists were in the majority and could conceivably vote Ulster into a united Ireland in their time. Then England unilaterally changed the rules of the game by excluding three of Ulster's counties which had a strong nationalist majority. Gone was any illusion of fair play.

But even they, with all their deceit and guile, could no longer sell this artificial statelet as Ulster. They had to settle for Northern Ireland. It has no historic or natural geographic boundaries but only artificial boundaries drawn solely to ensure perpetual domination by the loyalists. England then illegally turned over the governing power of the new statelet to the rabidly anti-Catholic Orange Order and made a non-interference covenant with them, giving them free rein. Catholics were always treated as second-class citizens under direct rule from London. But now under the Orange government conditions for the Catholics became intolerably worse.

In the words of Sir James Craig, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, 1921-1940, "I have always said I am an Orangeman first and a politician and member of the parliament afterwards -- all I boast is that we are a Protestant parliament and a Protestant state." Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister, 1943-1963, stated, "I recommend those people who are Loyalists not to employ Roman Catholics, 99% of whom are disloyal... You people who are employers have the ball at your feet. If you don't act properly now, before we know where we are we shall find ourselves in a minority, instead of the majority. I want you to realize that, having done your bit, you have got your Prime Minister behind you".

Today's loyalist masses are kept in continual fear of Catholicism by the Rev. Ian Paisley's passionate crusade. His hushed listeners are told that all men are not children of God -- some few are elected to be saved. That Roman Catholicism is the Anti-Christ, Greatest of all Heresies, Mother of Harlots, Whore of Babylon, Enemy of Godliness and Freedom. His religious oratory is without charity, moderation or ideas -- a fierce blast of 17th century righteousness and emotion. In response to incitements from their leaders, loyalists vented their feelings on the then defenseless Catholics by burning out whole sections of nationalist areas and leaving hundreds dead, injured, and homeless.

In 1968 when civil rights groups, including some fair-minded Protestants, held peaceful protest marches they were set upon and beaten by Orange (loyalist) mobs while the police turned their backs or joined the mobs. Nowhere in Christendom are a people so vilely persecuted.

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