

ADAMS INTRO

Now we've just been joined by the most controversial man on this island. A man who has been hated for his part in the many awful things that have coloured the last 25 years of life in Ireland. Things which were done in your name, and mine, despite all our pleading that we wanted none of it. Finally the message seems to have got thorough. As I keep reminding you on the radio we are now in week 8 of the ceasefire.

Gerry Adams , you spoke at Forum for Peace & Reconciliation today. Did you ever think you would see this day ?

YOU PERSONALLY
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ADAMS

FIRST DAY OF FORUM

- Ever believe would see it ?
- Bobby Sands died 5 May 1981 after 65 days on hunger strike. What would he think of today ?

FAMILY BACKGROUND

QUOTE FROM CAGE 11 " ...since Long Kesh was opened ...it has been a constant element in the lives of all the members of my family. On any one of the many days since then at least one of us has been in there ...- father.. cousins etc.... all the male members of our clan"

- and yet you say "ours is a perfectly normal family"

LIFESTYLE

- all this has taken its toll .. Just what kind of life do you lead? Have you had any normal personal life ... cinema, leisure security , bodyguards

1983 MP AND PRESIDENT OF SF

- you are credited with policy of bomb economic targets... armalite and ballot box.. you have consistently backed terrorism with no mandate from public ..proxy bombs
- Have you any idea of what trouble you have caused ?

DEFEND THE INDEFENSIBLE

- Carry Begley's coffin after Shankhill bombing.. he was a young man, only 22.. he joined the movement seeing you as a hero and became just one of many young men who were killed. Do you feel any responsibility for the likes of him?

Tim Parry's parents sat just where you are now after he was murdered in Warrington. ... just a little boy of 6 years old. Wonderful people who were able to forgive. As a person, as a father, you must feel for them.

- Enniskillen .. how can he look at Gordon Wilson at Forum

THE NEXT GENERATION

- Your son Gearoid ... teacher training college. Do you feel a responsibility to the next generation, that their fate is different from the last quarter century ?
- Recent attack on house .. Gearoid studying .. he could have been killed purely because of who his father is
- Could you have accepted his death ?

WAR WEARINESS

- as a human being the cumulative effect of all the killings
- How many coffins of young men and women have you carried .. ever question is it all worth it
- the role of women .. Mrs Doris from Coalisland whose son was killed . She tried to get him to leave the IRA . This was what she said - **"You know they're going to die if they join the IRA. They have a life expectancy of one to two years."** She said you should be involved in political talks

WHY CALL IT OFF NOW?

- permanent , or is it a tactical move
- they still have the weapons
- are you prepared for the role^e of leading a tiny party in a democratic state and all that that entails.

The W B Yeats poem
BUT AT WHAT AWFUL COST

'VOLUNTEERS'

- 'volunteers' .. used to lifestyle for self and families ... They have been drawn, given a sense of importance... and now told no longer needed and have to watch Adams et al globetrotting. What is going to become of them
- a year down the road ... unemployment

THE FUTURE

- It is early days .. negotiations will begin .. everyone has a position, but compromise is the *way forward*. ~~way~~ More than 3,000 are dead. Can people, families put all that behind them. What do you see in the future ?