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Dear Editor: For seventy years, the media in the English-speaking world has promoted two qualities of the late Queen Elizabeth II: her dignity and dedication. Throughout wars, labor unrest, the chaos of Brexit, corruption, scandal and natural disasters, the Queen easily exhibited dignity because she was unaffected by any of it. A ‘dignified’ royal composure comes easy if your wealth is immense. She ‘worked’ at being Queen up until the day she died but if your every move is scripted, being dedicated has no ordinary meaning.

In the context of the conflict in Ireland, Her Majesty’s Government first corrupted law and justice to crush the Catholic civil rights protests and then used loyalist vigilantes to attack democracy by lawlessly murdering elected Sinn Fein officials and those who supported them. Queen Elizabeth’s voice, even as the head of the Church of England, was silent over the repeated human rights abuses. As Commander of the Imperial Forces, she lavished praise on the Ulster Defense Regiment with a proven record of bloody collaboration with loyalists. She awarded an OBE to Colonel Derek Wilford who commanded the 1st Battalion, Parachute Regiment on Bloody Sunday. It took more than 40 years for Her Majesty’s government to stop lying about Bloody Sunday and to stop smearing the victims and their families.

Prime Minister Truss supports and Parliament is poised to adopt an Amnesty/Legacy bill that would close investigations into 1000 civilian killings in N. I. whose deaths were barely investigated due to suspicions of loyalist, Army, police and MI-5 collusion. Its adoption would be a fitting tribute to Queen Elizabeth II whose silence served the Ministry of Defense and security services so well in protecting Britain’s image as supporting democracy and the rule of law. Moreover, the bills passage would fulfill the Conservatives goal to bury the Good Friday Agreement as, in the words of the Brexit sage Lord Frost “outlived its usefulness” Such a move betrays a certain confidence that Britain can undermine both the Irish, American governments and the European Union.

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