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Dear Editor:

The headline for Lord Caine’s commentary “All We Ask for Is a Chance to Succeed” (10/25) reminded me of the Dicken’s character Mr. Bumble. He was a deceitful and duplicitous dude who would remind all how he “…was ever so humble.” Lord Caine is the humble servant of the Crown/ Conservative Party and Monarchy Ltd and his employer’s policies regarding N. I. should not be confused with truth, fact, justice, or the rule of law.

Covering up Britain’s violent and lawless governance in NI requires several fronts mixing blue smoke and mirror tactics with a Punch & Judy Show. First, Britain has ignored and corrupted most of their obligations under every Northern Ireland agreement they have signed including the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 which was drafted with the substantial good will and trust of the United States. Second, the latest cover-up of official mayhem and lawlessness in league with loyalist terrorists in NI began with the SPYCOPS Act of 2021. It retroactively granted immunity to British spies in NI responsible for as many as 250 murders. Third, Jon Boutcher, the former Bedfordshire Chief Constable leads Operation Kenova, a third front ‘investigation’ into select N. I. killings including 30 connected to Britain’s alleged IRA spy Stakeknife. Boutcher’s job is to ‘schmooze’ Members of Congress, the EU Parliament and NGO’s who have cited Britain for decades for failing to conduct Article II compliant investigations into killings in NI.

There are these additional points: (1) Lord Caine’s remit is to view as victims the police, Army & MI-5 security services. That is partially the reason why there are so many uninvestigated or unprosecuted killings. Many of the remaining 1000 killings exhibit a justice system working to protect the lawless.; (2) Practically no one in NI buys his excuses for the unilateral adoption of the Act. No victims, rule of law or justice advocates, no human rights advocates, and critically no support from the EU, the US, or the Irish Republic. That is a dismissal of the core principle of the GFA, which he neglected to mention because he really does not care. Better the media remain confused about all the cover-up rather than for them to connect the dots.; and (3) Projecting a sympathetic tone His Lordship explains that for those “…that have experienced little in the way of positive outcomes… the Legacy apparatus is preferable”. He is relying on the fact that many don’t realize Britain’s Ministry of Defense, MI-5 and the British Attorney General unbridled use of the Official Secrets Act and Personal Immunity Certificates (PIC) are used to hide the truth. Those actions have caused staggering delays. Unfortunately, nothing in the Act prohibits those same actors blocking access to records or their destruction. So, the Conservative Party will be spared further embarrassment and accountability for at least another 12-14 months.

Unfortunately, none of this hypocrisy, deceit and bullying of Ireland seems to matter to our Department of State. We appeal to the Biden administration to show their frustration with Britain’s arrogant obstruction of the GFA by denying any U. S. visit by King Charles (royalty invariably used as propaganda) and by denying any new US-UK trade deal until the Legacy act is repealed and the rule of law is used to pursue truth and justice for all victims not just a British defined percentage.

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