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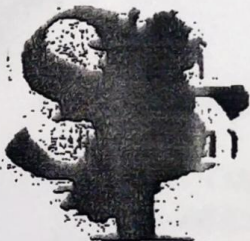
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Sinn Féin Mid Ulster representative Councillor Francie Molloy has accused DUP MP Willie McCrea "of gross hypocrisy in his public defence of Billy Wright". Councillor Molloy has demanded that the DUP MP "immediately resign his seat".

Councillor Molloy said:

"There is a clear contradiction in Willie McCrea lending his support to one faction in the current loyalist infighting, and his party calling for the loyalist parties to be expelled from the Stormont talks. The DUP appears content to stir the loyalist pot.

However, of greater concern is Mr McCrea's brazen hypocrisy in claiming to defend freedom of speech - a principle he does not extend to republicans and nationalists.

Willie McCrea and his party refuse to talk to Sinn Féin because they claim we "support violence". And yet Mr McCrea shares a platform and defends the right, of someone who at the very least has publicly asserted the right of loyalists to kill Catholics.