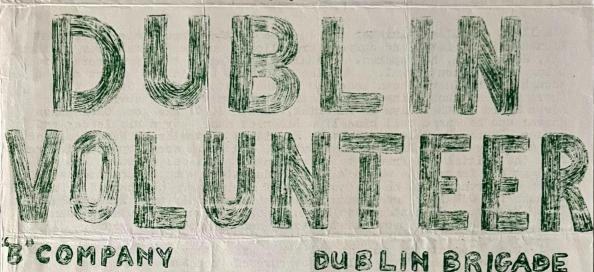
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TIME FOR DECISION.

There can surely be no doubt in anyone's mind that the threatened 'Protestant Backlash' is now upon us. Recent events, cultimating in the past weekends, incidents when nine people died can be directly attributed to the emergence of armed Loyalists.

In the Andersonstown area alone, one man died and ten were wounded, four

of them seriously, all these people were shot from speeding cars. The British Army who still claim to be impartial, arrested eight vigilantes in the Sleivegallion area before the blood of Pat McVeigh had dried on

the spot where he died.

If the British Army were truly an 'impartial force' they would have operated their 'hot pursuit' policy and chased the car from which the shots were fired into hault in Finaghy. I ask you to ponder for a minute on the possible reason, as to why they did'nt, dare we suggest that here is a conspiracy between the British Army, the R.U.C. and the U.V.F./Vanguard elements, we don't have to prove that the Special Branch of the R.U.C. and the British Army work hand in hand, that is an accepted fact. How close are the ties between the R.U.C. and the armed 'Loyalist' element thought close enough for R.U.C. man Lusty and his comrades—in—arms (middle — class friends) to go to London on an arms buying mission. Lusty and his comrades—in—arms are now awaiting trial

Bearing the past weeks events in mind, we ask you, is our area threatened, does it take anymore convincing than one dead and ten wounded to wake

YOU up?
The Irish Republican Army has consistently safeguarded this area, many of our best Volunteers have died, many have been wounded and many are at present serving long prison terms, — what they have done they have done willingly and their personal suffering has been endured without complaint, however, in the coming weeks You are the people who must decide what the future will hold for us all: The I.R.A. is stronger now than ever before and we appeal to you for your continuous support.