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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 ewents 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.

O'Malley, so called minister for Justice in the "Free State Government Fianna Fail Variety, and current arse licker to the greatest Bum of them all, Jack Lynch, has spoken. O'Malley has denied that prisoners were being held without trial. He also said that he did not accept and he thought it had never been accepted in the history of the State, that there was any such thing as a political prisoner". He obviously has never heard of the Dalys of Limerick, Thomas J. Clarke, or, ODonnabhan Rossa; and he dares call himself a Limerick man. Even his leader and mentor, Eamonn De Valera, one time Prisident of the Irish Republic, and now a lackey of the British Institution, did claim when imprisoned, from Both the British and Freestate Governments, political status. It was evident how incomplete was O'Malley's education, when he admitted at his Press conference that he did not know if Kevin Barry was hanged or shot! So much for O'Malley and Fianna Fail, they certainly have Failed the Irish People. Comments about Green Black and Tannery, outside Mountjoy Jail, only serves to prove that nothing has changed in 50 years. It would be unwise to think that O'Malley and Fianna Fail are the only would be unwise to think that O'Malley and Fianna Fail are the only Anti Irish Elements in current political life, they are ably abbetted by Liam Cosgrave, son of the Willie Cosgrave of Free State fame who murdered at least 77 of our patriot dead. Would DeValera, Lynch, O'Malley, now classify these Patriots As Criminals - or have they got the Guts for it? Cruise OBrien of Katanga Fame, who encouraged Africans to fight and destroy each other; and who also encouraged Irish Soldiers in Green Uniforms to sacrifice their lives to boost his ego; got out when the going became rough. His evenue he wanted a divorce got out when the going became rough. His excuse, he wanted a divorce, so that his lust for McEntee's daughter could be satisfied. This freak, has still not had mental or Physical Satisfaction. He seeks to gain some, by attacking the brave men and women of the Irish Republican Movement. It is Lamentable that, the Labour Movement of which James Connolly was a proud member, can tolerate, such a freak. You, workers of Dublin, how do you feel about it? "A Fascist Government with Fascist Legislation, backed by a Secret Police Force, who will eventually arrest and imprison all those who try to better their social conditions by, industrial strikes, witholding of unjust rents, demonstrations etc. Be assured that what is happening to-day, will happen to all "free thinking workers" tomorrow. We quote the editorial in the Irish Press of the 20th inst. "It is a grief thought that are side affect of the of the 20th inst., "It is a grim thought that one side effect of the present socio-political situation of our country means that we may be soon faced with increasing numbers of circumstances in which our society will be seeking to preserve its freedom by depriving some of our citizens of theirs, whether because of their political beliefs, the environmental pressures which have driven them to crime, or because normal crime continues to increase". We do not think O'Malley or his friends could define what is meant by normal crime, what does appear quite clearly, is that the workers of this country, unless they organise and unite now with their Republican Brothers will become Victories of the Latter-Day "Saints of Fascism.

SERIOUS SITUATION EXISTS.

BELFAST'S CRUMLIN ROAD JAIL......Provisional Republicans continue hunger strikes to the DEATH in an effort to gain "Official", Recognition as political prisoners. Each week they will be joined in their strike by another group of provisionals in Crumlin Road Jail until they are accorded their rightful Status.