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The first round in Ulster's battle for full democratic rights has went to the Loyalist people, represented by the Ulster Workers Council, The Westminster imposed dictatorship has been smashed, and the plans of the Republican members of the Executive to use British troops to confront the Loyalist Workers fizzed out like a damp squib. This was due mainly to the restraint which a long suffering people exercised in the face of extreme official provocation. The lie has finally been nailed that the Loyal Ulsterman is responsible for the troubles which have bedevilled this community for so long, troubles which were brought into being, for the sole purpose of pushing us into a United Ireland. What has finally happened here in Ulster, is a massive rejection by the ordinary people, by a system which was foisted on them by a Government at Westminster, which listens, and is obvious by now agrees withwhat the minority representatives tell them. The majority of the political pundits and the mass media, constantly put the theme across to the world, that the Loyalists are against power sharing and wish a return to the old Stormont days. This view is also accepted by the politicians at Westminster, who are so full of their own importance that they can't see the end of their noses. How do these people know what the Loyalists want? They never listen, they never talk, their whole philosophy is founded on the myths which are fad to them by people whose hatred of anything British can only be understood by those who have had to endure their periodic campaigns of murder and terroriam. In spite of all this, we believe that the Loyalist people given a fair crack of the whip, would not be opposed to power sharing with their Roman Catholic countrymen. A system which is satisfactory to the majority could, we feel, be worked out between the elected representatives of THIS community, who after all are the people who eventually MUST live together. English impartiality is now in serious doubt amongst the Lovalist people of Ulster and has been from 1969 onwards, culminating with the present incumbent at Stormont.

As we have stated, the first round has resulted in a Loyalist Victory but, the road ahead is fraught with hidden dangers, Never again must Ulster people be taken in at election time. Never again must we allow men to take control of our destiny; until we are absolutely sure that they are bona—fide true Loyalists, willing to listen and act in accordance with the wishes of those who elect them, Now is the time for such men to come forward and serve their country. Now is the time for fresh facts and ideas! In the interum period of waiting, while new political moves are made, let the people of Ulster prepare for further sacrifices in their quest for political stability and community peace, For political digestion, we publish this week the political plan put forward by the Provisional I R A in the hope that it may stimulate thought in the province. In the coming weeks we will publish Loyalist alternatives so that distinctions can be made and differences fully examined.

Finally to the Loyalist people who sacrificed so much over the last fortnight, we say well done. Unity is strength and our strength is rapidly growing. Our watchword now for the future is vigilance coupled with coolness and restraint and our goal is total victory towards a democratic and prosperous Ulster.

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