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The importance of this election should not be underestimated. It is an election to a body without power but which can be given power on certain conditions. The basic condition on which power can be restored to Stormont is if there is seventy per cent agreement among its members. What is not appreciated is that even if such agreement were reached every decision from then onwards would be by simple majority. The SDLP is taking a firm stand in refusing to fall into such a trap ... Unionist leaders have already indicated their intention of using this plan to achieve a seventy per cent vote for the various parties Unionist parties and that on that basis to seek a return to majority rule ... Our problems can only be solved if all conflicting relationships between the peoples of our two lands are on the table for discussion. Such discussions can only take place in an Anglo-Irish framework.