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The report presents the results of a detailed study of the tragic events in Northern Ireland in 1969 and should therefore promote a wider understanding of the critical situation existing there at that time. While certain aspects of the report are open to criticism I do not propose to make any detailed comments. Minds should now be concentrated on what the future offers rather than on recriminations about what is past. Nobody can restore the lives so tragically lost but all reasonable and responsible people must conclude that events such as those described in the report must never be allowed to recur. If the report helps to persuade all concerned to work towards a peaceful political solution we can reasonably expect that there will never again be a necessity for such an enquiry or such a report.