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The following statement has been issued
by the Taoiseach to-day.

I have requested the resignations as members of the Government of Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mr. Charles J. Haughey, Minister for Finance, because I am satisfied that they do not subscribe fully to Government policy in relation to the present situation in the Six Counties as stated by me at the Fianna Fáil Árd-Fheis in January last.

Mr. Caoimhin Ó Beolain, Minister for Local Government and Social Welfare, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Government and I propose to advise the President to accept it.

A special meeting of Fianna Fáil deputies will take place at Leinster House at 6 p.m. today to consider the position that has arisen.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BUREAU.

6 May, 1970.