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# HAUGHEY THE NEW



Mr. George Colley

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**CHARLES HAUGHEY** swept to the pinnacle of political power to-day, less than a decade after being sacked in disgrace from a Fianna Fail Cabinet.

The 54-year-old self-made millionaire became the country's seventh Taoiseach early this afternoon overthrowing the challenge of his bitter political rival, George Colley.

He was named as leader of Fianna Fail and the Government after a clear majority of the party's 82 TDs swung behind him during a tense Parliamentary meeting in Leinster House today.

He becomes the fourth leader of Fianna Fail following in the footsteps of Eamon de Valera, Sean Lemass and Jack Lynch. Early next week he will take over the seal of the Taoiseach's office from Jack Lynch, the man who threw him out of his Cabinet nine years ago in the biggest political upheaval this country has ever witnessed.

The party voted in Mr. Haughey by 44 votes to 38.

Mr. Haughey, a barrister, accountant and financial expert has now fulfilled an ambition which has gripped him for the past fifteen years. An ambition he fought back from the political dead to achieve and one which has fired him since he was sacked as Minister for Finance in the arms crisis of 1970.

## Colley beaten

Mr. Haughey, whose wide commercial interests also include horse racing and bloodstock breeding, walked away with the leadership today, casting Tanaiste and Finance Minister George Colley in the role of the two-times loser.

Mr. Colley, who has politically opposed Mr. Haughey for more than 15 years, was beaten by Jack Lynch for the top job thirteen years ago, but indications were today that he will be asked to serve in the new Haughey administration, possibly as Foreign Affairs Minister and later in the European Commission.

A major blow to Mr. Colley was the "defection" of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. O'Kennedy, to the Haughey camp.

It had been rumoured before the Fianna Fail meeting that Mr. O'Kennedy had committed himself last night to voting for Mr. Haughey. After the meeting Mr. O'Kennedy said: "I think by now it is well known what I did," he said.

The Minister for Industry, Commerce and Energy Mr. Des O'Malley, proposed Mr. George Colley and Mr. Sean Browne from Wexford seconded it. Mr. Haughey's nomination was then proposed by Mr. Ray McSharry, Minister of State at the Dept. of Public Service and seconded by Mr. Gerry Cronin.

The tellers were Mr. Dessie O'Malley, Ray McSharry, Dr. Michael Woods the Chief Whip and Mr. Ben Briscoe.

Mayhem broke out on the first floor corridor as Mr. Haughey emerged from the vote surrounded by well-wishers. He was hustled through the army of photographers to a table below a picture of martyr Robert Emmett.

At this stage Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Michael O'Kennedy, pushed his way through the army of media representatives to the right of Mr. Haughey. The Taoiseach designate said he had two pieces of encouraging news and said "something very wonderful has happened".

Dr. Michael Woods announced a major press conference for 4 p.m. this afternoon on the 5th floor of the House but deputies were intimating early this afternoon that the major press conference would not come until Tuesday next when Mr. Lynch will tender his resignation to the President, and Mr. Haughey becomes the Taoiseach.

After the brief meeting, Mr. Haughey hustled through



Mr. Haughey . . . the new Taoiseach.

the press corps with Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. O'Kennedy following him to his room.

Afterwards, Mrs. Eileen Lemass said she was delighted with the outcome and it had been a very exciting day. She said that on Tuesday next Mr. Lynch would probably have gone to the Park with his resignation and the Dail would meet later with the new Taoiseach taking over.

She speculated that the Cabinet re-shuffle could follow on Tuesday morning.

The new Taoiseach is expected to hold a number of informal meetings over the weekend with his closest political allies to begin work immediately on the Cabinet re-shuffle promised by Mr. Lynch.

Major changes are expected to include the appointment of Des O'Malley possibly to Finance and the dismantling of the Department of Economic and Planning and Development bringing its functions under the Department of the Taoiseach.

## Open enemies

The Economic Minister, Dr. Martin O'Donoghue, the only person to state publicly that he would not serve under Mr. Haughey, is expected to be offered one of the less important Ministries, possibly Industry, Commerce and Energy.

And the appointment of Mr. Haughey as Taoiseach also places a major question mark over the future of Agriculture Minister, Mr. Jim Gibbons in the Cabinet.

The new Taoiseach and the Minister have been open enemies for some years and the hostility between the two of them could not be contained in one Cabinet room.

The election result made public just minutes after the secret ballot of Fianna Fail TDs in the party's private rooms launches Fianna Fail into a new era heading it towards the next general election with Charles Haughey at its head.

Mr. Haughey faces one of the biggest challenges of any Taoiseach as experts see Garret Fitzgerald's popularity as a major factor in bringing Fine Gael forward to challenge Fianna Fail for a single party Government.

## European surprise at choice

OFFICIAL reaction in Brussels to Mr. Haughey's election was surprise.

Mr. Haughey who now takes over as President of the European Council until the end of the year, is a dark horse on the European track. He has attended only a handful of E.E.C. Council meetings as Health Minister.

But he has worked hard in an effort to build up Health as an E.E.C. issue. An informal meeting of E.E.C. Health Ministers—which was to have been chaired by Mr. Haughey—is scheduled for Dublin next week-end.

## Fund's new target

THE APPEAL by BBC TV's Blue Peter programme to help starving Cambodians has soared above the £2 million mark. Now it has a new target £3 million.

## Colley loses 44 to 38

THE Taoiseach-designate, Mr. Haughey, emerged smiling after the vote with Dr. Michael Woods, the party's chief whip.

The result of the vote — 44 votes for Mr. Haughey, 38 for Mr. Colley — was described as "quite clearcut, clear to all" by Dr. Woods.

Mr. Haughey had to make himself heard over the cheers of his supporters and the general turmoil as a large press corps jostled for position.

Mr. Haughey, smiling into the television cameras, told journalists that he was under strict orders from the Chief Whip.

"I just want to say very briefly that I am honoured, greatly honoured, by this appointment which has been bestowed on me by my colleagues," Mr. Haughey said.

### COLLEY BACKING

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Mr. Haughey then rose and left the bank of microphones saying that he would give a news conference later today.

### CHEERING

Immediately after the result of the ballot was announced, the packed room on the fifth floor of Leinster House erupted with Haughey supporters clapping and cheering their new leader.

Up to the vital ballot both sides had been claiming victory with 46 votes each but at 12.10 the backbench rebellion of the party swept aside the establishment and Charles J. Haughey walked from the room victorious.

The Haughey camp had been confident of victory from early morning, despite the fact that almost the entire Cabinet, in-

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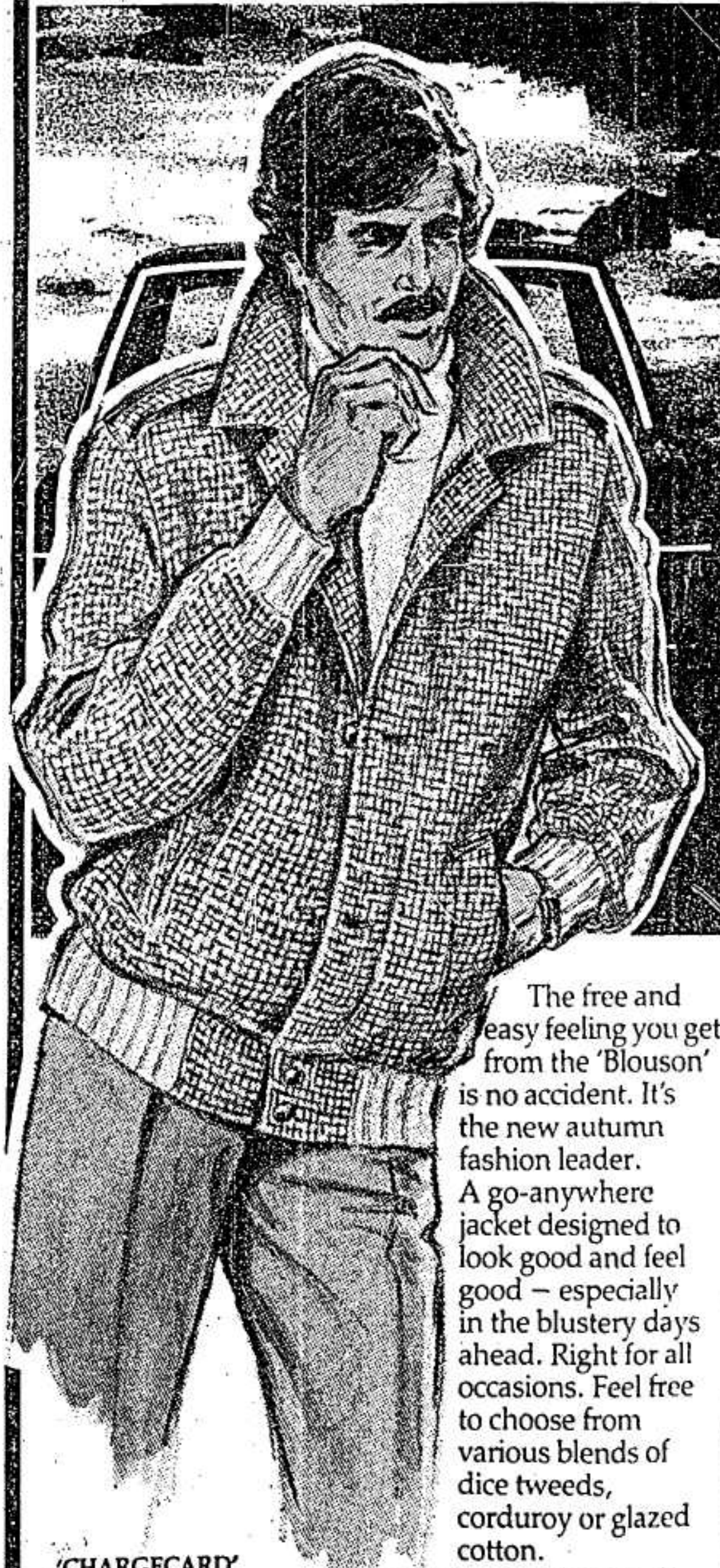
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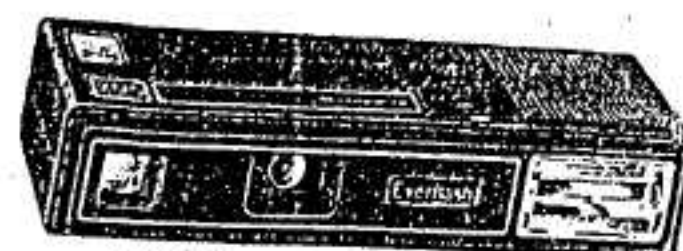
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