

BRIAN LENNIHAN



THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT

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The Presidency would be a fitting pinnacle to Brian Lenihan's long and distinguished career in Irish public life. It is a natural progression for a deeply caring and dedicated politician whose life has been spent in service of the community he lives in.

His career has been outstandingly successful too, bringing him the highest offices in government and the respect and friendship of international statesmen.

The people have returned him at the polls for tireless work on behalf of his constituents election after election and many of the votes he receives come from those who do not share his party allegiance.

His promotion to senior ministries in government has been

earned the old fashioned way - long hours of hard work harnessed to an outstanding talent.



**"HE HAS BUILT
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MANY WORLD
STATESMEN"**

In a career spanning three decades he has built up close friendships with many world statesmen, moving as easily in the Parliaments of Europe as he does in the kitchens of rural Ireland.

Knocking at doors in cities and towns, he has an immediate warmth which allows him to share people's troubles and worries.



**"HIS PERSONAL
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His personal and political courage has never been in question, confronting and defeating serious illness, then taking up the challenge to seek the highest office in the land.

A career in public life has meant sacrifice too; few doubt that if he had continued as a Barrister, he would have been among the most brilliant of his generation. The demands of senior office saw him spending a lot of time apart from the family he is devoted to.

Brian Lenihan knows Ireland and its people well; he was born in Dundalk, spent the early years of his childhood in Tralee and Dublin before moving to Athlone.

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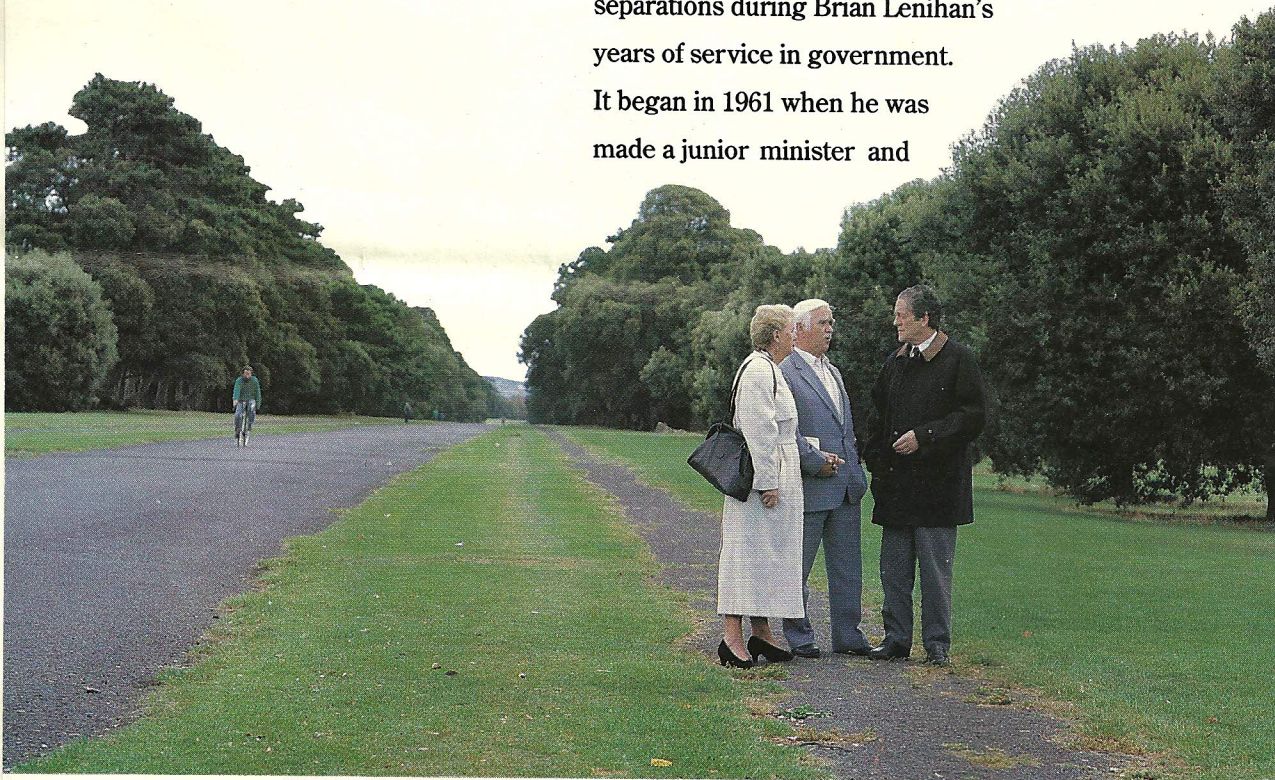
Public Service is a family tradition. His father, Patrick, from Kilfenora, County Clare, ran a cotton factory employing 700 local people, he was Chairman of Athlone U.D.C. and Westmeath County Council and served as TD for Longford-Westmeath. his sister Mary O'Rourke is currently Minister for Education.

The Young Brian Lenihan also distinguished himself on the sports fields of Ireland, playing for Westmeath minor gaelic football team, captaining the UCD soccer team, playing for Athlone, Bohemians and Shelbourne and winning Amateur International Caps at centre forward against England and Scotland.

At University College Dublin he was a gifted student attaining B.A. Honours in Economics, Politics, and Law in 1951. He practised as a Barrister from 1952 to 1961.

He married a local Athlone girl, Ann Devine, in 1958. They have five children, four sons and a daughter. The oldest, Brian junior, is a barrister in Dublin, Conor, a radio journalist, Niall a lawyer in New York, Paul and Anita are still at school. The Lenihans are a close-knit family despite the rigours and separations during Brian Lenihan's years of service in government.

It began in 1961 when he was made a junior minister and





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CHARLES HAUGHEY”*

since then he has covered all the major offices; Justice, Education, Transport and Power, Forestry and Fisheries, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs (three times); he is currently Minister for Defence. He has served in the Oireachtas under four Taoisigh, Eamon de Valera, Sean Lemass, Jack Lynch and Charles Haughey. His experience in the country's social, economic, political and cultural life has few equals.

At home and abroad he has always been a diligent and worthy representative of the Irish people.



*"HE IS ONE OF THE
BEST-LOVED
MEMBERS OF
THE DAIL"*

His long service in public life was recognised in 1987 when he was made Tanaiste. He is one of the best-loved members of the Dail. He has earned and held the respect of members of all political parties.

He is always approachable, his home ready to receive anyone needing help. It is his generosity of spirit which has singled Brian Lenihan out as one of the most universally respected figures in Irish public life.



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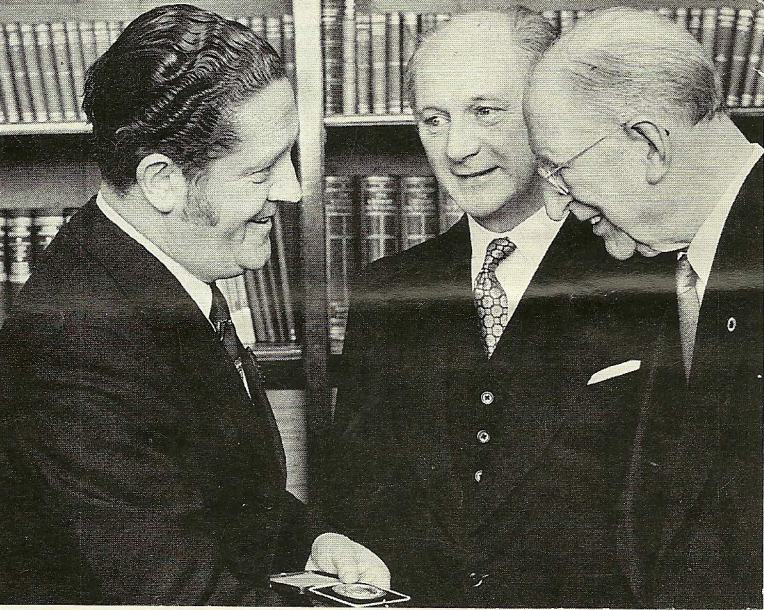
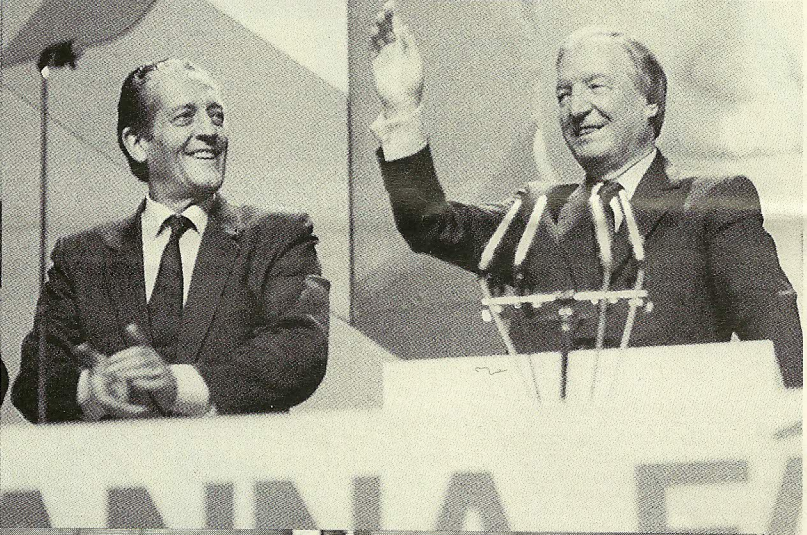
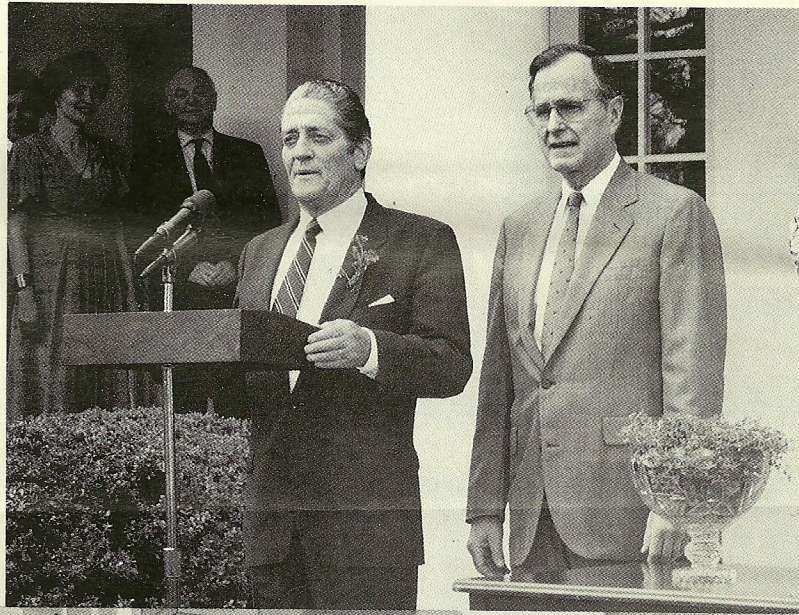
It is not his nature to be distant or remote. A lawyer by profession with a sound knowledge and deep respect for the Constitution, he will be a unifying symbol bringing together the State and the people.

Brian Lenihan will be a People's President

The Irish people can be sure that as their President Brian Lenihan will be the protector and guardian of their rights under the constitution.

At home and abroad he will be proud to represent them.

He has a political philosophy and a vision for the future that can unite classes, creeds, divisions and regions within the Irish nation.



Photographs spanning Brian Lenihan's political career include pictures taken with Charles J. Haughey, Eamonn de Valera, Jack Lynch, George Bush, Robert Mugabe and Tom King.

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