Comment by Taoiseach Jack Lynch on the
establishment of the non-unionist Assembly of
the Northern Irish People.

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Asked to comment on the setting up of the Assembly of the Northern Irish People the Taoiseach said today:

This Assembly, with able, responsible and moderate leadership, and whose members are dedicated to the achievement of their aims by non-violent means, can provide a focal point for all non-unionists in Northern Ireland who seek to make real and lasting political, economic and social progress.

I hope that initiatives will now be taken to create conditions which will enable discussions to take place involving these men who have established their political leadership, while they are still in a position to influence the situation.

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