

DUBLIN'S EASTER PARADE

Led by President Sean O'Kelly, Dublin and Eire recall a stirring day in Irish history: the Easter rebellion. Thirty-four years after the Sinn Fein rising told the world that a new nation had been born, the Irish head of state walks along famed O'Connell Street, there to inspect a guard of honour from the Military College at the Curragh. Despite unseasonable cold weather, thousands crowd the city centre to see the First Armoured Squadron of the Regular Army head the biggest military parade Dublin has seen for years.

From his saluting base outside the G.P.O. building, the President now takes the salute of the colour party - commanded by Captain Hogan. The colours had been marched "on parade" from Collins Barracks with traditional military ceremonial. Following them along the beflagged route comes the parade Commander - Colonel McGrath.

On Parade with the Infantry Battalions are recruits who have just completed their initial training. Like the Special Services, their turn-out is impeccable and draws favourable comment from the crowd.

Among the motorized units on parade are the 11th Field Artillery Regiment and the First Anti-Aircraft battery. And as the impressive military review nears its end, memories crowd in again of that Easter Day of 34 years ago. Through the years, that historic occasion will always be recalled in Dublin and throughout Eire.