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Dublin ready to give 'Dev' big welcome

HOMECOMING AFTER EYE OPERATIONS

SOME thousands are expected to go out from Dublin this evening to Collinstown Airport to greet Mr. De Valera, the Eire Premier, on his return home after four months' absence in Holland.

Once before, on October 21 last, a large crowd went to the Airport to welcome him, but at the last moment Mr. De Valera agreed to act on the advice of his Dutch eye specialist and remain at Utrecht for further treatment.

During his stay at the Utrecht clinic, Mr. De Valera had six operations to replace the detached retina of one eye, the last of which is reported to have been successful.

Members of the Government, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Papal Nuncio (Archbishop O'Hara), and the Archbishop of Dublin (Most Rev. Dr. M'Quaide) are expected to be present to meet the Premier, who is travelling with his son, Dr. Eamon De Valera, and is due to arrive at the Airport at 7-25 p.m.

During the past week, Mr. De Valera was able to resume part of his work. Irish officials visited him regularly to discuss State affairs.