

DE VALERA PRESIDENT

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To St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, went to the man who was the architect of Republican Ireland, Eamon De Valera. Outgoing President Sean O'Kelly ~~was~~ was in the gathering of Irish notables who saw De Valera become the holder of his country's highest office. The Declaration of Acceptance of the Presidency was administered by the Chief Justice. Many years Prime Minister (and always in effect leader of the country) Mr. De Valera was most fittingly invested as Head of the State. In that high capacity he will enter the last phase of his career. In early manhood he dedicated himself to securing Irish independence, then Republican status. Never a man to show emotion he must nevertheless have felt great pride as he left St. Patrick's Hall.

Rebel, prisoner under death sentence, Premier and now President, what an amazing life De Valera has led. He would be more than human if it did not afford him satisfaction. A place in history awaits President De Valera,