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MR. DE VALERA IN LIMERICK

Mr. de Valera inspects the Guard of Honour on the occasion of his visit to Limerick to review the latest defence force. He is accompanied by General Miltay, Mr. W. Norton Leader of the Labour Party, and Lt. General McKenna, Chief of Staff. The parade is one of the largest ever organised in Limerick and it takes an hour and a half to pass the saluting base. Mr. de Valera takes the salute. Bren-gun carriers figure prominently in the mechanised part of the procession. Over three thousand regular troops lead the march of another four thousand members of the L.D.F., formed from Limerick, Tipperary and Clare. Also in the procession are the Maritime Inscription Corps., the L.S.S. and A.R.P. services. Members of the Irish Red Cross, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, make a notable contribution to the scene. The streets are packed with an enthusiastic crowd for the visit of Mr. de Valera is making local history today, making history much easier than Mr. de Valera can make his way through the dense ranks of admirers. In an impressive speech Mr. de Valera urges the formation of more voluntary aid divisions to serve the local defence forces. His hearers are called up to make a bigger national effort.