

Eamon De Valera has served the nation for fifty years. From the fire and ruins of Boland's Mills in 1916, from President of Sinn Fein in 1917 to President of Ireland in 1966, he has devoted his life to the nation's cause at home and abroad.

His re-election as President in this historic year, half a century after the Rising, will fittingly crown a lifetime dedicated to Ireland.

Ireland still needs Eamon De Valera as her President, because he personifies our struggle for nationhood, because his standing as a world statesman and the dignity with which he carries out the duties of his high office bring honour daily to our country.

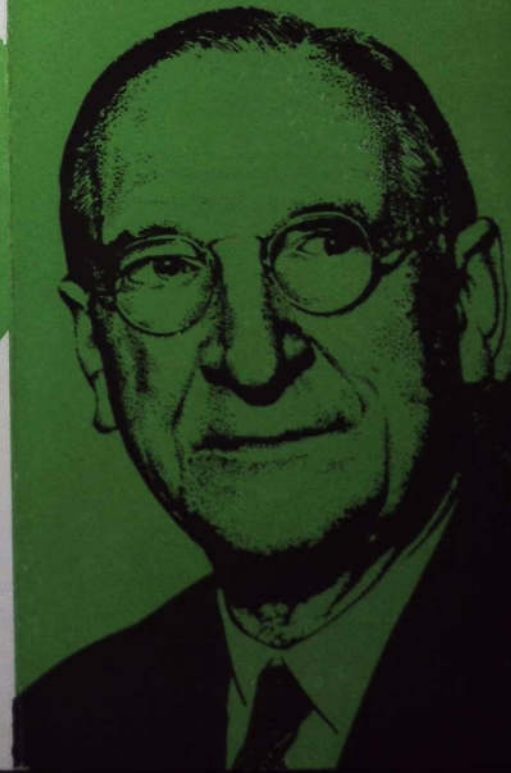
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**YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE NATION**



1916 In the Irish Volunteer uniform in which he fought throughout the Rising of Easter Week.



1917 On his first election to Dail Eireann, he was unanimously chosen President of Sinn Fein and of the Irish Volunteers.



1938 A great moment—the taking over of the Ports. Mr. De Valera hoists the Tri-colour at Spike Island, Cork Harbour.



1932 As President of the Council of the League of Nations, he made Ireland's voice heard in the cause of international peace.



1945 Broadcasting his historic reply to the attack of the British Prime Minister on Ireland's war-time neutrality.



1949 In New York, on one of his many journeys abroad to promote Ireland's claim for re-union of the national territory.



1963 Greeting the late President Kennedy at the start of his momentous visit to Ireland.



Tá an díograis chéanna in Éamon De Valéra inniu i gcúis na Gaeilge agus a bhí i 1916.

Ag labhairt dó le muintir na hÉireann ar ócáid iubhaille caoga bliain Éirí Amach na Cásca dúirt sé:

"Ní furasta teanga atá imithe go forleathan as úsáid a thabhairt ar ais mar ghnáth-theanga. Tá daoine ann nach dtuigeann fós tábhacht ár dteanga dhúchais: cuid acu a shileann nach fiú í a shábháil; tuilleadh a bhfeictear dóibh go bhfuil an iomad dua ag baint lena sábháil agus nach bhfuil toilteanach an dua sin a chur orthu féin. Is bac mór é sin—Ach músclaimis ár misneach, a Ghaela. Sé mian thormhór na ndaoine an Ghaeilge a bheith slán. Sin é, freisin, mian an Rialtais agus an

Oireachtais. Tá cléir de gach Eaglais ar thaobh na Gaeilge—easpaig, sagairt agus ministrí. Tá formhór na múinteoirí, na mbráithre agus na mban rialta ar a taobh. Tá a lán teaghlach, go fiú lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht a labhraíonn an Ghaeilge go rialta. Tá riar maith leabhar againn agus tá áiseanna nua ann mar chúnamh dúinn. Beatha teanga í a labhairt agus má labhraíonn na daoine a bhfuil Gaeilge acu Gaeilge lena chéile, fiú amháin na daoine nach bhfuil acu ach an beagán, ní baol, le cúnamh Dé, nach dtiocfaidh teanga ársa, oílte na hÉireann, teanga ár sinsear, i réim anseo arís, agus nach mbeidh Éire ina lóchrann do-mhúchta i measc na náisiún, mar ba mhian lenár laochra caoga bliain ó shoin."



As President of Ireland, Eamon De Valera reviews the guard of honour during the historic 1916 Golden Jubilee celebrations in Dublin a few weeks ago. Ireland and the world watched the impressive ceremonies, and heard the Proclamation read again from the steps of the G.P.O.