

90,000 AT MASS

Croke Park, Dublin, became an open air cathedral. 90,000 were assembled to attend High Mass. President de Valera, the Prime Minister and other leading officers of the Republic of Ireland headed the welcome to the Papal Legate, arriving now to officiate at the great service. This was the climax of Dublin's Patrician Congress, marking the 15th centenary of St. Patrick's death.

Cardinal Agagianian had come from the Vatican to represent the Pope with his attendant cardinals, bishops, priests and acolytes he went in stately procession to the high altar. Not since the Eucharistic Congress of 1932 has such a vast congregation attended Mass in Dublin.

From the heart the people of Eire paid reverent tribute to St. Patrick whose burning zeal planted the faith in Ireland, more than 15-hundred years ago.