

DE VALERA, Eamon, at present Leader of Opposition in Dail Eireann, Taoiseach (head of Government) and Minister for External Affairs from 29th December, 1937 to February 1948, and Minister for Education in 1939; President of the Executive Council ~~and~~ of the Irish Free State ~~from~~ and Minister for ~~External~~ External Affairs from 9th March, 1932, to 28th December, 1937; Chancellor of the National University of Ireland since 1921; b. New York 14th Oct., 1882 (father Spanish, mother Irish (nee Catherine Coll of Bruree, Co. Limerick) m. 1910, S. ni Fhlannagain; 4 sons and 2 daughters; educ. National School, Bruree, Christian Brothers' School (Charleville), Blackrock College, National University of Ireland; B.A., B.Sc., H.Dip. in Educ., LL.D., Ph.D. Hon. Causa; for many years a student of Irish and active member of the Gaelic League; joined the Irish Volunteers at its foundation, 1913; Adj. Dublin Brigade and Commandant in Irish National Insurrection, 1916; sentenced to death, commuted to penal servitude for life, released, General Amnesty, June, 1917; President, Irish Volunteers, 1917-21, elected East Clare 1917; re-imprisoned, May, 1918; escaped from Lincoln Jail Feb. 1919; visited the U.S.A. 1919-1920, and raised loan of six million dollars for Irish Republican Government; President Sinn Fein 1917-26, when Fianna Fail was founded; Parliamentary representative for Clare since 1917 and also for East Mayo, 1919-22; President of Irish Republic, 1919-22; M.P. for Down (N. Ireland) from 1933 to 1938; rejected the Anglo-Irish Treaty in Dail Eireann, Dec. 1921-Jan. 1922; President Fianna Fail and Leader of former Opposition in the Irish Free State Parliament; President of the Council of the League of Nations at its 68th and Special Sessions, Sept. and Oct. 1937; ~~President~~ President of the Assembly of the League of Nations, 1937 received the Grand Cross of the Order of Piux IX. June 1933. A Teach Cuilinn, Cross Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin