

IRISH VOTE ON TREATY DELAYED

Pact Introduced for Ratification Today But Ballot Before Tuesday Unlikely.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press)—The Dail Eireann, which met shortly before noon today and began consideration of motions for and against ratifications of the Anglo-Irish treaty, adjourned at one o'clock until 3:30 p.m. There was every indication that the speech making would continue through tomorrow.

Speaking to his motion, Mr. Griffith said this was not a question of the mere rights of the people; it was a question of the lives and fortunes of the people of Ireland, and he was not going to hide from the Irish people that President DeValera's alternative proposal would mean.

"Not once did we demand recognition of the Irish republic, knowing it would have been impossible to secure it," he said, referring to the London agreement.

Concessions Outlined

He read a letter which had been received from Prime Minister Lloyd-George early in the negotiations, saying the government proposed making Ireland co-equal with the other British dominions and to secure for Ireland a place in the league of nations. The letter also promised the withdrawal of the naval and military forces from Ireland when the agreement was ratified.

Mr. Griffith said the oath of allegiance agreed upon was one "which any Irishman can take with honor."

Hearty applause was given him as he resumed his seat.

President DeValera then rose to move the rejection of the treaty.

"I am against this treaty because that will not end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland," he declared. "I am against the treaty because I am for peace, not war."

DeValera vigorously denounced the treaty as "subverting the public." He dwelt at length upon the allegiance feature of the document, inveighing in impassioned

tones against what he declared would be the ignominy of the Irish people taking the oath of allegiance to the British king. He paid tribute, however, to the delegates who signed the pact, saying what they did "was in their excess of love for Ireland."

Mr. DeValera, continuing his argument for rejection, declared:

"If King George came over to open the Irish parliament, you would see black flags in the streets of Dublin."

He likened the treaty to the act of union, deciding it would lead to endless strife.

Summing up he asserted the treaty was entirely inconsistent with Ireland's position and that if it were ratified, Ireland would continue subservient to England.

Cries of "no" from supporters of the treaty followed this declaration.

Austin Stack seconded President DeValera's motion, saying that he stood for "complete independence and nothing short of it."

Count Plunkett also spoke in support of the motion for rejection.

During his address President DeValera said if a provisional government were set up by Griffith and Collins in Dublin castle it would be regarded by the people as a usurpation. They had been chosen by British power as the authority in Ireland, he declared.

Mr. DeValera said this was the moment when a "grand policy" was possible and under it King George would come to Dublin.

Cries of "no, no" from his supporters.

There were loud cries of "no" when Mr. DeValera said the Irish army would be his majesty's army and the Irish ministers his majesty's ministers.

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