

Ireland Welcomes Senator Kennedy

NEW ROSS, Ireland, March 2 (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was given a warm welcome today in this sleepy Irish town from which his ancestors sailed to America.

His reception, compared with visits by other Kennedys, was somewhat muted but nonetheless friendly.

New Ross put out fewer flags than usual, perhaps because the visit had been in doubt until the last moment. But a crowd of 400 outside the 18th-century Town Hall roared approval when the Senator asked: "You still remember the Kennedys?" And they cheered again when he added: "We still remember you."

Students from Dublin — the "long haired brigade" as residents call them — invaded the town during the night and plastered up posters saying: "Oppose Ted Kennedy, American imperialist."

Most were taken down before the Senator arrived from Dublin, where two protesters had paraded when Mr. Kennedy flew in from New York.

More student demonstrations are expected tomorrow when Senator Kennedy goes to Dublin's Trinity College for the bicentenary meeting of the college's Historical and Debating Society, which calls itself the world's oldest debating club.

Mr. Kennedy's subject there will be Edmund Burke, the Irish statesman who took the side of the American colonists in their fight for independence.

Senator Kennedy kept clear of political subjects here and during stops at Shannon and Dublin, except to say that he would not be a candidate in the 1972 Presidential race.

Mr. Kennedy first visited New Ross in 1962 when he was launching his campaign for a place in the Senate from Massachusetts. Now, as then, he was greeted by Andie Minihan, bearded chairman of the Town Council.

The Senator's main purpose this time was to see the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park,

460 acres of woodland and lawns subscribed and paid for by admirers of the late president on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Senator and Mrs. Edward M. Kennedy arrive in Dublin