

Kennedy Calls On Irish Chief; Protest Vowed

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy visited President Eamon de Valera today as police readied tough security measures against students who have threatened to demonstrate against Kennedy tonight.

The call on the 87-year-old De Valera, a nearly obligatory custom for prominent visitors of Irish descent, came on the second day of what the Massachusetts Democrat calls a sentimental journey to the home of his ancestors. It was muted, like the rest of the trip so far.

Fewer than 30 persons watched Kennedy and his wife, Joan, arrive at the gates of the presidential mansion in Phoenix Park. Some clustered around his car to shake his hand.

KENNEDY and De Valera chatted 15 minutes in a study overlooking lawns where British viceroys strolled in the days when Ireland was controlled by Britain.

Kennedy's schedule includes an appearance tonight at Trinity College, where leftist students have formed a "Committee to Oppose Ted Kennedy." A few student posters calling Kennedy an American imperialist greeted the senator on his arrival in Ireland yesterday.

The students planned to demonstrate outside the college while Kennedy dined there and speaks to the college's historical society, which claims to be the world's oldest debating club. The society is celebrating its 200th birthday.