

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, July 14, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

TAPE 1, SIDE 1 - "It's Monday evening in June, 1986, and I'm standing on the main street in Killarney, Ireland."

CUT ON AL OICKLE'S SIGNAL

AFO LIVE: Hi, everybody. We've been listening to a recorded tape I made a few weeks ago while touring Ireland. Now I'm in my home studio at WUSB-FM, Stony Brook. With me is Dr. Karl Bottigheimer, an historian at the State University of New York at Stony Brook who has made Ireland ^Ahis special field of study. Dr. Bottigheimer is the author of the book, "~~English~~ ^{IRISH} ~~Money and Irish Land.~~ ^{IRELAND AND THE}" For such a small nation, Ireland has certainly had influence on the world beyond its size, hasn't it, Dr. Bottigheimer.

INTERVIEW DR. BOTTIGHEIMER:

- How did he get interested in Ireland's history ✓
- Detail some of problems in Northern Ireland ✓
- Ethnicity: Scottish "loyalists" who are Irish ✓
- Recent vote against legalizing divorce

AFO LIVE: Our tour guide in Ireland was P.J. Mahon. At one point, he discussed some of the problems in Ireland, and I recorded him. In the background you'll hear the sounds of the engine and air-conditioning on the motorcoach. But you will be able to pick up P.J. Mahon's voice discussing Northern Ireland as he sees it.

TAPE 2, SIDE 4 - "The Catholics are not allowed on any committees..."

CUT ON AL OICKLE'S SIGNAL

- Thatcher's efforts
- Predictions of what lies ahead

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking some more with Dr. Bottigheimer about the Irish, surely among the world's most charming people. Please stay with us.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with historian Karl Bottigheimer. We're talking about Ireland, which I visited a few weeks ago and which Dr. Bottigheimer has studied for the past two decades. Do you agree with me, Dr. Bottigheimer, that the Irish are charmers?

INTERVIEW DR. BOTTIGHEIMER:

- Old-world qualities (like U.S. in 1950s)
- Customs relying on pubs, churches, talking
- Traditions: St. Patrick, leprechauns, "wee people"
- Efforts at preserving Irish culture

AFO LIVE: Intro tape of P.J. Mahon discussing Irish language

TAPE 3, SIDE 8 - "Chillie.... means how are you?..."

CUT ON AL OICKLE'S SIGNAL

- Why do Irish behave as Irish?
- Is Ireland under threat of Americanization?

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