

As you know now Ireland is divided into two unequal parts. We have northern Ireland and southern Ireland. Northern Ireland consists of six counties; southern Ireland consists of twenty-six counties, and one of the twenty-six counties is the furthest north in Ireland. Of course, that is an Irish way of dividing a country--putting the extreme north into the south and calling it southern Ireland. But the division is due entirely no matter what politicians may say to the country--it is due entirely to religion. Nobody would dream of making the division of the country where it is made on any other ground.

1-2nd is in northern Ireland. is in southern Ireland. The distance between and the city of is only a few miles so as you go into ~~Bay~~ from to do your shopping from you have to go through the customs. As I say the reason is a religious reason.

The population of northern Ireland is about sixty percent Protestant divided between the Presbyterians who were the largest religious denomination, the Church of Ireland that comes very close to them and I think is now equal to them owing to the immigration from the south, and then the ~~Methodists~~ Methodists and Baptists are much smaller groups. Sixty percent. The Roman Catholics in northern Ireland are about forty percent. When you come to southern Ireland the situation is entirely changed. When I left the country ~~there~~ the Catholic population was 93 percent. That is, of course, if you distribute it evenly. As you know populations are deceptive. I understand there are 85 percent Roman Catholics in Boston. That wouldn't represent the whole of the United States. You have to bear that in mind. There are these differences of distribution. But in most parts of southern Ireland, except the town of Graystones outside of Dublin, is there a majority of Protestants. In many parts Protestants are a very tiny minority indeed.

Now my work was cast in southern Ireland. I'm a southerner. I'm not a north-of-Ireland person. Please bear that in mind. Everybody says to me, "Of course, you come from the north." Well, I don't. I come from the extreme south,