

"These are facts from which nobody in Ireland or in Britain can get away" and it is clear to MacNeil that no sane person will argue that "a free Ireland will be perverse enough to create difficulties hostile to her most obvious material interests.

"No country will have a greater interest in the world's peace than Ireland. She will have no colonies and will meditate no conquests. She will have nothing to hope for and much to risk through entangling alliances or engagements with other states, or through allowing her own territory to be used in any way for their purposes in war, and she will be well circumstanced to prevent its use in that way....

"The maintenance of Irish independence and the inviolability of Irish territory would be of especial interest to Great Britain and the United States and these happen to be the countries which contain the largest Irish element outside of Ireland in their population. They are also the countries that are likely to have the most intimate commercial relations with Ireland."

Only from Great Britain would Ireland be again liable to a sudden invasion by force—and for the same reason that Ireland would want to remain friendly with Britain, MacNeil concludes that "having once arrived at friendly relations with Ireland on the most secure basis Great Britain would not desire to make Ireland again her enemy."

He sees only one alternative to this new Ireland, which he and Griffiths and de Valera with the majority of the Irish people now advocate—that is the "perpetual military domination of Ireland," a domination not alone of her "fighting strength or of her economic interests, "but of the spiritual forces (renewed in Sinn Fein) of "a tenacious people which is now clearer and stronger than ever in the determination to preserve its nationality.

"Ireland cannot be conquered. Partial conquests have been effected again and again, and the attempt may still be meditated. But the world is changing before our eyes, and the old saying is worth bearing in mind: 'Once too often the pitcher goes to the well.'"

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This is the man eulogized by Austin Harrison on his return from Ireland to England. Harrison described their first contact—so...."....I meet Professor Mac-