

# Race Nationalism Artificial — St. Patrick Really Was a Scot

Anthropology has destroyed the concept of race on which nationalisms like Irish nationalism are based, Dr. C. P. Martin, McGill professor of anatomy, told the St. David's Society last night.

He described his unsuccessful efforts while working for the Irish National Museum to find a pure-bred Irishman.

"An Irishman is just a person who has lived in a certain climate for a certain period of time and acquired certain surface habits and characteristics," he said.

Dr. Martin, an Irishman born in County Wicklow, told the Welsh society that St. Patrick was really a Scot, "born not far from modern Glasgow."

He was carried away to Ireland as a slave in youth, escaped apparently spent some time with his family who had gone to live in France, and then returned to evangelize Ireland.

Ireland had then escaped the Anglo-Saxon invasions—as it had escaped the Roman invasions—which brought paganism back to England and Scotland.

"There resulted the long isolation

of Irish Christianity from the continent. While England was evangelized from Rome, Ireland remained schismatic," he said. The papal bull still exists instructing Henry II of England to invade Ireland because it was in schism.

All protest movements after the Normans and English completed their domination "were channelled into nationalism," he went on. In England it was the workers against the capitalists; in Ireland the workers against the English. In England it was the tenants against the landlords; in Ireland the tenants against the English.

"To a large extent, the Irish question was thus an artifact," he said.

The two main sources of extreme nationalism, he went on, are the "extraordinary capacity of the Irish for absorbing people which makes the worst Irish nationalist out of the Londoner who has married an Irish girl" and "the fourth generation Irishmen living in Singapore who has never been within 1,000 miles of Ireland.

"The ordinary fellow is fairly sensible about the whole thing."

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