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MUSKIE URGES IRISH UNIFICATION

Political settlement of the bloody turmoil in Northern Ireland "will involve the unification" of all Ireland, Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me) said today.

In a St. Patrick's Day statement from his Senate office, the Democratic presidential candidate said, "Such a settlement would have to safeguard the political and religious rights of the Protestant and Catholic population and provide for re-settlement of those who may wish to leave Ireland.

"As a first step toward negotiations, I urge that the British Government now put an end to the internment program and press for political and economic reforms in Northern Ireland, pending a political settlement.

"This would facilitate a peaceful and speedy transition to a situation in which British troops could be withdrawn and replaced by a local law enforcement system satisfactory to all parties."

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