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POPE'S ANXIETY ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND HARMONY

Anxiety about the problem of peace and harmony

STAR VISITS NEWSPAPER OFFICE . . . Constance points out the date and year of her birth as she examines the files in the file-room of the "Limerick Leader." With her is the director, Paul Rotha, who will write a book on her life which will be named "A Weed In The Ground."

THE LATE JOHN McNAMARA

Noted Film Actress Visits Her Native City

The noted film actress, Constance Smith, accompanied by her director, Mr. Paul Rotha, the internationally known film director and author, visited the "Limerick Leader" and "Limerick Chronicle" offices during the week to examine the files to gain information for the purpose of using it in a book on the film star's life.

In an interview with the star and her a Limerick Chronicle reporter was told that Mr. Rotha was writing a book on the life of the star. She was born somewhere in Limerick and they were anxious to find the house.

They were more than surprised to learn that they could be taken there straight away by their interviewer. The actual address is 46 Wolfe Tone Street.

Mr. Rotha said that they had visited the Blackwater area near Ardnacrusha, where an aunt of his was thought to be residing. Connie had spent some of her early childhood days there. Her father, a Dublin man, worked on the construction of the Shannon Scheme. Her mother was formerly Miss Biggane, a native of Limerick. Another aunt resided in Broad Street.

Questioned about the book, Mr. Rotha said that it would be called

TEARS AT HOME - COMING

This morning, Constance visited her old home at 46 Wolfe Tone

born.

Mr. Rotha, asked if they had any plans concerning films in Ireland, replied that he was planning to make a film of "Jumbo's Wife," a story by Frank O'Connor. Constance would play opposite Cyril Cusack in the lead female part. He described Cyril Cusack as the finest actor in the world and Sean O'Casey the greatest playwright. It would be filmed in Cork.

He added that one of the films he made, "Cradle of Genius" (the name is a quote from Yeats), opened in New York this week, and stars Barry Fitzgerald, Cyril Cusack, Maureen Delaney, Padraig Colum and other famous Abbey actresses and actors. He also wrote a book called "A Man Of Arran," the life story of Robert O'Flaherty.

Mr. Rotha also stated that both he and Connie resided in Hamburg and were making a film on the life of Hitler. They had visited all the major countries in Europe on various location and the film would be an authentic life of the former Fuehrer.

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