Command performance

Chaim Herzog, the Irish-born president of Israel is pictured second from left with members of The Celtic Folk, who visited him at the Presidential mansion, Beit Hanassi. The Houston-based Irish folk group, consisting of Patrick and Danny O'Flaherty and Holt Oncale were on tour of Israel when they received the invitation for the command performance. The Celtic Folk have been invited to visit President Herzog and his wife Aura on their next tour of Israel.

Dorothy Hayden starts Irish 'drive-time' radio program

Dorothy Hayden Cudahy will begin an Irish "drive-time" radio program on WNWK-FM (105.9 FM) every Friday morning from 6:15 til 8 a.m. The first broadcast was Aug. 12. A veteran of 45 years on the radio, Dorothy will continue her "Irish Memories" program, founded by her father, James A. Hayden, 60 years ago, in this expanded format.

Speaking about the new broadcast, Dorothy stated "This is an exciting opportunity to serve our ever-growing Irish community in the Tri-State area. As our hard-working Irish audience gets ready for work and looks forward to their weekends we hope that they will tune in tous, to get in the latest in news, music and Irish events.

"We are saddened to be leaving WEVD after so many satisfying years, but we are delighted to be joining a strong team of Irish broadcasters, on WNWK-FM. We look forward to a successful relationship in a new and expanded time slot. Everyone turns on their radios in the morning and we think that we will fill a gap and provide a service to the Irish community with a 'drive-time' program."

Dorothy Hayden Cudahy

"Irish Memories" is the oldest continuous-broadcast Irish radio program in North America. A native New Yorker and prominent Irish community activist, Dorothy traces her Irish roots through her father, James A. Hayden of County Kilkenny and her mother, Delia Brennan Hayden, of County Sligo.

Albany gives go-ahead for new library for the blind

ALBANY, N.Y. – Governor Mario M. Cuomo formally signed Senate Bill #8703 in Albany on Aug. 3, authorizing the financing of a new $16 million Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) in New York City. It will replace one of two libraries devoted to serving blind and handicapped users in New York State; the other is located in Albany. The New York Public Library has operated the LBPH since 1903. The NYPL/LBPH is collections.

The proposed new library location at 40 West 20th St. would provide 56,000 square feet – more than three times the space of the current building. Pending approval of the site by the New York State Dormitory Authority, which will finance the project, the new library is expected to be completed within two years.

The signing of the bill marks the culmination of over four years of effort by the NYPL and Siegel led the campaign among elected officials. They received strong support from Senators Hugh T. Farley, John J. Marchi, Manfred Ohrenstein, and Frank Padavan; and Assemblymen Denis J. Butler, Alan G. Hevesi, and Edward C. Sullivan.

NYPL Chairman Andrew Heiskell commented, "Governor Cuomo's signature on this bill represents his personal support and the state's full commitment to the blind and disabled readers of New York."

Bergen County, Jersey City pass Doherty resolutions

On July 13, the City Council of Jersey City, N.J., unanimously adopted a resolution urging the United States Attorney General to grant political asylum to Joseph Doherty. One week later, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously adopted a resolution calling Attorney General Edwin Meese to withdraw his such conflict but, rather, is strictly an issue of the United States Government carrying out an order of the Court."

In Bergen County, IAUC representatives discussed the issue with former Bergenfield Mayor Charles "Jim" O'Dowd, Freeholder Chairman, who introduced and lobbied for the resolution. It stated in part,