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exposed and run to earth. And although it breaks the heart of many white people, everybody who is a human being had his or her origin in Africa. That is where humankind's origin has been traced to. When you have a country peopled by people like the British, with the attitudes that they had, they could be so comfortable in the suffering or around and witnessing the suffering of others, serious problems are created and they are not soon solved. In this country the argument about the Confederate flag flying over the capital of South Carolina can be traced back to England. The Jim Crow laws, under which black people suffered for so many generations, and the carryovers from which people of my complexion still suffer today can be traced right back to that little island, England. And it is amazing how an oppressor can cause so many who have been oppressed to identify with that oppressor and try to imitate that oppressor. Why you have Americans today trying to affect what they deem to be a "British accent". And sometimes the accent that they choose to use is one found among the lower classes, but the American ear is not able to discriminate those sounds, among those sounds and distinguish among them very well. When the concept of a vicious landlord came into being it was honed, polished and refined in Ireland, that's where you can find the quintessential vicious, heartless landlord. Was every person who was a landlord included in that description? I don't know. Maybe there were some who were not. Seldom do you find any group where every, single individual partakes of the same characteristics to the same degree, so maybe there were some who were not. But that troubled period of Irish history is dominated and was created and engendered by the types of landlord that I have described. There was one, I wish I could remember his name, I don't think it was McMahn (phonetic),...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...maybe it was. But he got assassinated. He didn't treat the people on his land right. Now the two men, or at least two men who were accused of having assassinated him were captured, tried and publicly hanged. But all of a sudden landlords wanted to get rid of their holdings in Ireland, but they couldn't sell them. And a lot of them who were in Ireland hightailed it to England. But, like everything else when oppressed people are involved, that blip settled and things went