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Form 6-K
September 15, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 15 September, 2003

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F..X... Form 40-F.....

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X...

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant
in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

Embargo 07.00

15 September 2003

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.

Sale of New York Retail Branch

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE: AIB) has today announced that it has
agreed to sell its New York Retail Branch at 405 Park Avenue to Atlantic Bank of
New York. The AIB Retail Branch includes consumer and small business deposits
and loans. Atlantic Bank will commence the provision of full banking services
from the existing branch location following the appropriate regulatory
approvals.

AIB will continue to provide lending, treasury and advisory services to the
Not-for-Profit and Corporate sectors from its own offices throughout the U.S.,
including New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles.

AIB previously announced its intention to sell its New York Retail Branch to M&T
Bank Corporation ("M&T") but it was mutually agreed not to proceed with this
transaction.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.
(Registrant)

Date 15 September, 2003

By: _____
Gary Kennedy
Group Director, Finance,
Risk and Enterprise
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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.