## La Républicaine

(Gascogne, France)

Gascogne is an area located south of Bordeaux. La Républicaine was learned from "Les danseurs du Brulhois" at a local festival in August 1992. It is a simple schottish with steps close to the ground

Pronunciation: lay ray-poo-blee-KEHN

Cassette: "Si on dansait" U.O.P. 1997 Side A/5

Formation: Circle of couples in semi-open pos (ML, WR hands joined) facing LOD.

Steps: Scottish: three steps and a lift on the supporting ft (2 meas).

<u>Meas</u> <u>Pattern</u>

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>. None or let the first 8 meas of Fig I go by without dancing.

## I. PROMENADE

- A 1-2 Starting on outside ft, walk 2 steps in LOD.
  - 3-4 Dance a scottish step in LOD, W turning CCW to face RLOD on the lift.
  - Repeat meas 1-4 M still facing LOD backing up and W moving fwd in RLOD in banjo pos (R hips adjacent). On the lift, W turn CW to face LOD.
  - 9-16 Repeat meas 1-8.

## II. HALF TURN

- B 1-2 In Closed Ballroom pos and dancing on the spot, M dance a scottish step, leading W half a turn CCW in front of him. W use the same step.
  - 3-4 M beg L, WR, reverse meas 1-2, W describing half a turn CW.
  - 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4.

## III. <u>TURNS</u>

C 1-4 In Closed Ballroom pos, ptrs turn CW progressing in LOD with 4 step-hops or step-lifts (2 turns)

Repeat dance from the beginning.

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