

## The care of the Eyes in Industry

There are many men and women, now working in factories for the first time, who suffer from headaches and tired eyes. Here are a few tips which will help them.

- (1) If you are provided with goggles, wear them.
- (2) Try to work with the light on the job and not on eye level.
- (3) Get as much fresh air as you can.
- (4) If you get a foreign body in your eye, report at once to the First Aid department. Don't rub the eye.
- (5) Bathe your eyes night and morning with an approved medicated lotion. Optrex is used by thousands of workers. It helps keep the eyes healthy and comfortable.
- (6) If headaches persist and your eyes continue to ache, water or irritate, consult a Qualified Practitioner.

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# MOST REFUGEES COME TO STAY

## Are We Helping Them?

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EVER since the war started, refugees have been the subject of public discussion. But few people really know the facts sufficiently well to form sound judgments. Here are some facts—and judgments too—presented by a New Zealander who must for special reasons remain anonymous, but who has been in a position to see more of refugees than most of us. Though we do not accept some of his conclusions, or feel as strongly about any of them as he does, it is a duty to our readers to give them publicity.

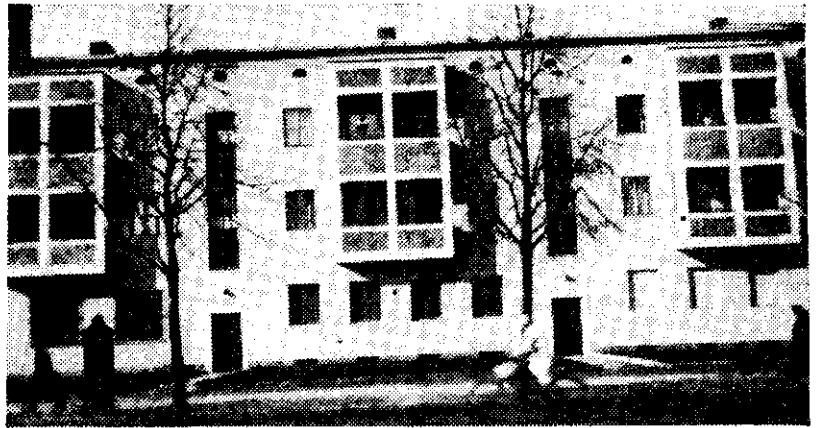
**B**ETWEEN 1933 and 1941 some hundreds of thousands of Jews were pushed out of Hitler's Europe. By various sorts of miracles just under 900 of them (so the immigration figures say) acquired a Permit to Enter New Zealand—one of the highest prizes in the emigration lottery.

About 600 refugees came here on German passports, from Germany or Austria, so they are now "enemy aliens"; the same applies to smaller groups from Hungary and other enemy countries. In

of the Teuton, is also the favourite language of the educated Jew throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

### A Jewish Problem

Nearly all our refugees are Jewish or part-Jewish according to the Nazi definition, only that is a freak definition based on racial mysticism. Perhaps two-thirds of them are Jews in our loose but more reasonable use of the word. Take the case of a man who thought he was a full German, until a Gestapo search of birth certificates revealed to his horrified eyes a forgotten grandmother named Levi! Only a believer in



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1941 the Nazi Government deprived all refugees of their civil rights, so our enemy aliens would now be more popularly described as "stateless." Czechoslovakians and Poles are of course merely "aliens" and retain their national status.

One interesting fact about refugees that is sometimes misunderstood: whether they come from Vienna, Warsaw, or Bucharest, their native language is almost invariably German. For German, besides being the national language

the blood-myth could call him Jewish. Some refugees are needlessly sensitive on this subject, because they do not understand our pioneer downrightness that does not give a damn for grandparents anyway, provided a man does the decent thing. Many Jewish refugees have also drifted away from the faith of their fathers to live a purely secular life, for in the last few decades the synagogue has had just as many empty pews as the church.

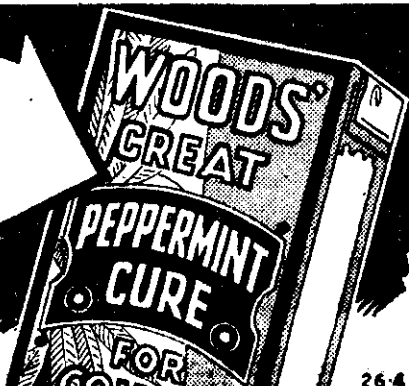
So the refugee problem is not identical with the Jewish problem, but is different enough to be treated on its own merits.

### Character

In the early days we used to be sentimental about refugees, but since then many of them have shown themselves decidedly capable of looking after their own interests. Instead of looking for heroes or villains, we might be wiser to look at them with more understanding of human frailty, with Falstaff's "Tush, man, mortal men!" Certainly they are not all as ragged as Falstaff's recruits. In fact, two or perhaps three of them (you can guess the names for yourself)

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