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Migration Miracle

(This is the third of a series of articles written for the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association by the editor of the Picou Advocate)

Bremenhaven, Germany. — The "forgotten elite" — about 25,000 of the ablest, best-trained men and women in Europe, qualified practitioners of all the arts, sciences and professions — present one of the problems of the International Refugee Organization.

It must be realized that, the displaced persons come from all walks of life and are a typical cross section of any community. They range from university professors to agricultural labourers, from the old and infirm to the young and strong, even down to infants in arms.

IRO can only suggest to accepting nations which categories should be accepted. The actual immigration and selection is naturally up to those nations themselves. Thus accepting nations often want only the pick of DPs. They want persons who are young enough to work, the laborers, and not the old and the intellectuals.

Since 1947 a great deal of the cream has been skimmed from the milk. Too many of those who boarded ships and trains were men, young, strong, unattached men culled from the DP population by programs of selection designed to fill the manpower needs of the nations rather than to contribute to the solution of the problem as a whole.

IRO has repeatedly warned that this must be checked because it is both a denial of the organization's humanitarian aims and an economic heresy.

The DPs are a community. Like any community, this one has its economic producers and those who are dependent upon the producers. Like any community, this one will suffer if its workers and producers are taken away from it. They are leaving behind a "hard core" of those who cannot maintain themselves and who may long remain dependent upon the world's charity. And included in this group are not only those who cannot work because they are too young or too old, or too busy with family duties, but also those who are too well qualified.

IRO's "forgotten elite", the intellectuals and specialists whose talents cover virtually the entire range of human knowledge — victims of an "embargo on brains."

This need not happen. The United Nations General Assembly has urged the nations of the world each to accept into its territory a fair share of all elements among the DPs. A generous response to this appeal would mean that the entire number of non-repatriable persons could be absorbed with ease by the world — those who can work supporting the few who cannot.

The days of DP Division in the British Zone of Germany and IRO are numbered, and it is evident that thousands of DPs will be cast upon the German economy next year. How will they fare? IRO is seeking with voluntary agencies, church groups, governments and occupation authorities, to make humane arrangements for the continuing care and legal protection of these tragic persons.

Prices are high, and there are many obstacles to the employment of DPs on a permanent basis in Germany. Some who were forced to work for German masters as slaves are reluctant to work for German masters now, and their distrust is reciprocated in many cases by the Germans who, with the enormous pool of unemployment to fall back on, will employ a German in preference to a foreigner every time.

It may be that the German authorities will know that the eyes of the world are upon them and will endeavour to curry favor and restate themselves in circles of world opinion through their humane treatment of this problem. Or it may be, with the present swollen refugee problems in Western Germany, that these unfortunates will once more be forced back against the wall.

The "forgotten elite" include musicians who have studied under some of the greatest masters, historians who have witnessed history made, linguists who can not only teach foreign languages, but also, through first-hand experience, know the countries in which they are spoken. There are engineers who have been associated with some of Europe's best known firms and projects, doctors who have conducted original research in every field of specialized medicine, geologists who have led expeditions through some of the most remote parts of the world.

For example, among these refugee specialists is an agronomist who initiated work on the reclamation of arid wastelands in Macedonia and Serbia; the former prime ballerina of Latvia; a graduate of Moscow's famous ballet school, who has danced before Europe's royalty, a doctor who has had extensive experience with tropical diseases in the Orient; a young pianist whose interpretations of Chopin are brilliant; a novelist whose second book won the Hungarian literary prize in 1947.

Their professional qualifications are established by close examination of their documents and special IRO testing commissions, made up of recognized experts who review their educational background, personally examine and interview individuals who have lost their documents, audition musicians, view works of art, and evaluate levels of skill. This process is closely supervised by IRO's Division of Employment and Vocational Training which is headed by a former official of the United States Employment Service.

A number of refugees with professional training have been resettled under the auspices of IRO and are now making an appreciable contribution to the economic and cultural life of the countries which gave them entry.

A prospective employer needs only to contact IRO by writing to any of its branch offices in 31 countries or to its Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to obtain detailed information on refugee specialists who might fit his needs.

The Canadian IRO Mission is at 143 Main Street, Hull, Quebec. (to be continued)



THE MIXING BOWL
Ann Allan
HOME ECONOMIST

Hello Homemakers! Life would truly be a "picnic" if we attended all the summer outings and open air suppers for the relatives, the clubs, the Institute, the church, the schools, the associations and so on. Not only does Junior and our glamour girl have to be fussed up to start out but they're double to scrub after they get home, tired and cranky. However, picnics encourage a democratic spirit... the generous donations of food, the friendly spirit at sports and loyalty to your group. Folks really become better acquainted at a picnic bench than at most meetings.

The reason everyone eats so much is due to the fact that each homemaker makes an especially good dish for her friends or relatives to taste. In case you're in need of a reliable casserole dish for a picnic, we suggest...

SAVOURY POTATO SALAD
(16 servings)

- 4 lbs. (18) potatoes, cubed
 - 4 cans consommé
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 green onions
 - 3/4 cup vinegar
 - 1/2 cup buttermilk
 - 2 tbsps. salad oil
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. pepper
 - 1/2 cup chives, minced
 - 1/2 cup parsley, minced
 - 1/2 cup grated cheese
- Simmer potatoes, covered in consommé with salt and onions until just tender... about 15 minutes. Drain. (Save consommé stock for next day's soup.) Meanwhile, mix remaining ingredients. Alternate layers of potatoes with dressing; cover; chill well.

COTTAGE ROLL (pressure cooker)

- Cottage roll — 2 cups hot water or cider.
- 1. Cover cottage roll with cold water. Soak at least 2 hours. Bring slowly to boiling point and discard water.
- 2. Place the rack in the cooker; pour in the hot water or cider and put in the cottage roll.
- 3. Close the cooker; bring to 15 pounds pressure and process 12 minutes to the pound.

APPLE-RAISIN PIE

- (using Transparent Apples)
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1 cup water
 - 5 cups sliced apples
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 3 tbsps. flour
 - 1 egg beaten
 - 1 tbsps. butter
 - 2 tbsps. lemon juice
 - 1 tsp. lemon rind
- Dough for 2-crust pie
Simmer raisins in water until tender, about 10 minutes. Add sliced apples. Mix sugar with flour, and stir into raisin mixture. Continue cooking, stirring until thick. Slowly add hot mixture to egg, butter, lemon juice and rind. Continue stirring another 3 minutes. Cool before pouring into pie plate lined with pastry. Cover with dough for top crust. Bake in electric oven at 375 degrees for 35 mins. Serves 6.

CLAN COOKIES
(30 cookies)

- 1 cup sifted flour
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 cups quick rolled oats
 - 1/2 cup lard
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 2 tbsps. milk
- Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Mix with rolled oats. Cut



FAST FREIGHT: The most modern freight yard in North America, the Canadian Pacific Railway's new \$12,000,000 St. Luc "hump retarder" freight terminal at Montreal, which will speed movement of goods through that busy seaport and railway centre, was officially opened July 6 by Canada's Minister of Transport, the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, K.C. (right of inset), shown as he inspects the retarder controls for the yard with N. R. Crump (left) vice-president, Canadian Pacific Railway, and J. O. Asselin (centre), president, executive council, City of Montreal. The main view shows the classification yard

from the crest of the hump, depicting cars in motion down the hump and showing the car retarders in the foreground. Moving down the hump under the force of gravity, the cars are electrically switched and braked, coming to a stop in their pre-determined position in the classification yard. The Canadian Pacific was the first road in North America to adopt the automatic switching principle. The yard also boasts such modern railroading innovations as an under-track inspection pit to enable all rolling stock passing through the yard to be examined for defects; an automatic track weighing scale that

weighs cars in three-and-a-half seconds while they are in motion down the hump; a 37-stall engine-house, equipped with direct steaming apparatus to eliminate smoke; and 100-foot towers mounted with floodlights and placed at strategic points for night operations. In all, over 75 miles of track capable of holding 4800 cars were required for the terminal, which actually is a series of three operational yards with other auxiliary yards and which measures over three-and-a-half miles in length and over a square mile in area.

lard into dry ingredients until mixture is a coarse crumb. Add egg and milk and mix thoroughly. Roll on lightly floured board to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with floured cutter. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in preheated electric oven of 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.

RHUBARB-PINEAPPLE PUNCH
(24 servings)

- 12 cups diced rhubarb
 - 12 cups water
 - 4 cups sugar
 - 1 large tin unsweetened pineapple juice
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1 large gingerale
- Simmer rhubarb, water and sugar until rhubarb is tender. Strain and cool. Add pineapple and lemon juice to rhubarb juice. Just before serving add cracked ice and ginger ale.

TAKE A TIP

- 1. Do not grease aluminum cookie sheet and remove cookies from sheet when taken from oven.
- 2. Picnic sandwiches may be made day before if stored in crisper pan of refrigerator. Wrap in aluminum foil or a damp cloth and wax seal paper.
- 3. Instead of sandwiches, make salmon salad mixtures and put in weiner rolls or cooked ham salad or cheese spread in hamburger rolls. Peanut butter and lettuce go well in split tea biscuits as do chopped cucumbers and sliced tomato in

sliced scones.

4. Bake cakes in paper baking cups. Sprinkle fine coconut or chopped nuts on top when almost baked. Then you do not ice these and they can be packed together when cold to take to picnic.

5. You, too, may forget that the bag used for an ice pack is ideal for carrying ice cubes to picnic grounds.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Barbara Greenhal of Toronto is visiting with her cousins, Beryl and Arletta Pattenden at their home on Main Street South. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hambleton of Orangeville spent Sunday with the Pattenden family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Saunders and family have returned home to Mildred, Saskatchewan, after visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isley, 8th Line, Erin.

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The Canadian swimmers—overlooked by the experts—first scored an upset in the women's events, taking four wins. Next the men's 100 yard free style fell to Canada, clinched by four relay victories. The team of 1934 had swept the board for Canada's first Empire swimming triumph!

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