

Exile Of White Russians May Be Solved By Soviet Action

By JAMES D. WHITE
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—(P)—The curtain is going up on the tragedy of the white Russian, who was the world's No. 1 exile until Adolf Hitler handed grim distinction to the European Jew.

The white Russian is not to be confused with citizens of Byelorussia or White Russia, a part of the Soviet Union.

The refugee Russian is "white" because he is not "red," or because he or his father opposed the revolution of 1917 and went into exile when it succeeded.

In western countries, the white Russian has largely been absorbed, becoming French, British, German, American—but in East Asia he usually has remained Russian, and for the most part "white," that is, czarist.

Easiest To Reach
These refugees found China the easiest country to reach. Scores of thousands found haven there, mostly in the treaty ports, where Chinese could not control immigration because foreigners had special rights.

Once there, the white Russian was stuck. He had few rights to speak of, because he had no citizenship. Occasionally he became a Chinese citizen, but more often he nursed a stubborn, hopeless faith that the Romanoff throne would be restored. In this faith he lived precariously in the alien, ambiguous soil of the treaty ports.

In 1941 when Hitler attacked Russia a younger generation of white Russians had grown up in places like Shanghai. These youngsters, taught by their parents to hate the Soviets, suddenly discovered that they were Russian first and everything else afterward. They paraded and sang Soviet songs which they must have learned over the radio. Night after night, they stole up to the

German consulate and painted the hammer and sickle on its gateway.

New Arrivals
In the meantime, thousands of Jews and other European refugees from Hitler's reich had arrived to compete in China for the limited jobs Europeans could find. They proved even less inclined to be assimilated by the Chinese. Now the Chinese talk of expelling these Jews and may also decide to expel the white Russians. The treaty port era is ended, the Chinese are masters of their own land, and a turning point is approaching for all these refugees.

Shanghai alone has 20,000 each of Jews and white Russians.

Thus, the white Russians in Shanghai today are excited over unconfirmed reports that the Soviet Union may offer them citizenship.

Whether this would mean they could, or would, go back to Russia remains to be seen. But it would mean, for these Russians, an end to the nebulous purgatory in which the "stateless nation" lives.

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID
NEW YORK.—(U.P.)—About seven pairs of nylon stockings should be available for each woman in the nation this year, Earl Constantine, president of the National Association of Hosiery manufacturers, said today. That's what the man said. He did not say how you can get them.



SPEAKER at the Friday luncheon of the Oregon Press Conference February 8 and 9 is to be Maj. Charles G. Howard, professor of law in the University of Oregon, who recently returned from overseas service with army of occupation in Germany. Major Howard will relate the conditions and problems faced by the Allied armies of occupation and the difficulties that lie ahead in his talk, "Unfinished Business." (Wiltshire engraving.)

Lily Growers To Hear Industry's Prospects
Cliff Walker, past president of the Pacific Easter Lily Growers association, will report on future prospects for that industry in a talk before the Lane County Easter Lily Growers club Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Young, assistant Lane county agent, will talk on the preparation of the soil for next fall's planting and fertilizing. The meeting will be held in the basement room of the WOW building, Eighth and Lincoln.

C. W. Wester, president of the local club, reports that membership has climbed above the 100 mark. He asks that all members be present for the Monday meeting, since a change on the constitution is to be discussed, and a 75 per cent representation is necessary for action.

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DOG EXCHANGE
HOGANSVILLE, Ga. — (P) — Two years ago Will R. Perkins reported his dog, Fiji, had been stolen, but now he feels there has been a settlement. Perkins found a note on the door of his home and a puppy lying on the porch the other day. The note said: "I took your little dog, but I am leaving you a little puppy in the place of it."

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Queen Of Beaux Arts Ball To Be Chosen

The girl who will reign as queen of the Beaux Arts ball, annual affair at Eugene high school, will be named Friday after students complete tabulation of votes for queen nominees, according to Robert Banister, art instructor and adviser to the school's Paletester club, sponsor of the dance.

This year's Beaux Arts ball, on Saturday, Feb. 16, will be a polo fund benefit. It will be sponsored by the P-TA of Eugene high school and all proceeds above expenses will be turned over to Lane county's polo fund.

Students are decorating the gymnasium for the semi-formal dance to be attended by parents and special guests. Flowers and shrubbery for the scenery will be donated by local florists, and lumber also is being donated, said Banister.

Rose Johnson, high school senior and secretary of the Paletester club, Thursday listed the following patrons and patronesses of the dance:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Appling, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Crakes, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elpas, Mr. and Mrs. George K. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fredrickson, Mr. and Mrs. George Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kerrebrock, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGinty.

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