

Thousands of Britons Undergoing Move To Other Lands Having More To Offer

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London — (U.P.) — This is the story of a proud nation leaving home.

It is not a Hungary with 100,000 fleeing at risk of their lives. This is an orderly, methodical evacuation, done coldly and logically by thinking people who feel that once-great Britain has nothing more to offer.

An estimated 7 million men and women have packed up and left since the end of World War II. An authoritative public opinion poll revealed last week that two of every five Britons interviewed would emigrate if they could. Projected on a national scale, this would mean that 20.5 million of the British Isles' 51.2 million inhabitants—nearly half the population—would like to go.

Life Not Worth It
The British are proud, and they have much of which to be proud. But a lot of them find life in these densely populated islands no longer worth the extra sweat and effort.

It took Britain many years to recover from World War I. Some experts say she never recovered. The country is in debt. Production per worker is below many other countries.

Rationing carried through for some items until 1952—seven years after VE-day. Coal is still rationed, 12 years after the war.

After the Suez crisis and the closing of the Suez canal in November, the government announced the return of gasoline and fuel oil rationing. Simultaneously, prices shot up.

For hundreds of thousands, this was the "last straw."

In the first week after gasoline rationing, 10,000 persons swarmed to the Canadian immigration office. The Australian and New Zealand offices were jammed.

3,000 a Day Applying
"We're running up to 3,000 a day," said Gordon Cummings, director of the Canadian Immigration department. The line forms daily at 2 a.m.

Who are the applicants?
Not the swashbuckling adventurers of sparkling eyes and who wore and populated the old empire. Most of the new migrants are well-educated citizens, many of them scientists and specialists, who carefully weighed their beloved country and found it painfully wanting.

John, a 26-year-old Cambridge graduate, explained it this way: "Your nose is burned down once. You keep that old stiff upper lip and build again. But the second time you're inclined to

say the hell with it. This place is unlovely."

John earns \$30 a week, but pays \$14 of that in rent. He could get a cheaper place with an outside bathroom or no bathroom or a shared kitchen. So his wife works too, for \$13 a week.

"I love my country but I can't see it," John says. "I want to work and work hard and get the benefits of hard work. We're getting out."

"Sir," said a letter to the Times of London from J. P. Graham, a father of four sons, one of whom emigrated to Canada. "From talking to him and many of his friends in a similar posi-

tion, one gets a clear picture of the causes of their unrest.

Cripples Drive
"They may be summarized as a firm belief that our society, and particularly our present system of taxation, is unfair to the man of brains, drive and ambition, and stupidly favors those who are inefficient and lacking in initiative."

He gave comparable incomes and taxes for Britain and Canada to which an estimated 6 million Britons have emigrated since the war:

Income	Can. Tax	Brit. Tax
\$2,800	\$120.40	\$ 470.40
\$5,600	\$376.00	\$1,397.20

Graham said his sons saw that

in Canada increased production meant increased prosperity while in Britain labor's restrictive practices put a drag on production.

Acid-tongued columnist "Cassandra" of the pro-Labor Daily Mirror put it more bluntly. Borrowing from Shakespeare's famous words, he said:

"Their main reason for wanting to leave this scythed isle, this earth of majesty, this other Eden, demi-paradise, this precious stone set in silver sea, this blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England, is that they can't afford to live in the tax-ridden and inflation-cursed place."

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Hous Bil To Revolushinize Speling uv English Langwidge Plan uv Californian

(Editor's Note: The unusual spelling in the first two paragraphs of the following dispatch is intentional.)

By GEORGE COFFEY
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Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Harlan Hagen (D-Calif.) sed tuda he wud introdus in thu Hous "vere sun" a bil wich mite revolushinize thu speling uv thu English langwidge.

"There are stil sum details tu be wurkt owt," Hagen sed. "But a tentativ draft has ben finisht and we shud be redy to thro it into thu hopper in a cupl of weeks."

If Hagen's bill should be passed and universally adopted by the country, a whole new generation of Americans might grow up using a spelling system that would look something like the first two paragraphs of this story.

The Hagen measure grew out of an idea originated by Homer W. Wood, publisher of the Porterville, Calif., recorder, who has been campaigning for some time for a complete revision of the nation's spelling habits.

For Government Use
At Wood's suggestion, Hagen's bill would "establish a national grammar commission to reform the spelling of English words" which in turn would publish an official United States dictionary to be used by all government agencies.

The commission would be composed of five members appointed by the President "with

the advice and consent of the Senate."

Hagen said among the details still to be worked out were the tenure of the commission and what, if any, salary members would get.

"I feel, as Mr. Wood does, that there is a definite need for a streamlining of our methods of spelling," Hagen said. "This bill would at least be a step in the right direction."

House of Newspapers Attracts Many Visitors

Rockport, Mass. — (U.P.) — Some 4,000 persons a year drop in to visit Mrs. Esther Stenman, 80, during trips to historic Cape Ann because her two-room house is constructed of panels comprising 215 layers of glued, pressed and varnished newspapers.

Mrs. Stenman says she isn't worried about fire in the paper house. Though the paper home has survived two New England hurricanes, the wind still is her prime concern.

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STARCH ITEM
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