

Post-War Europe Series I: Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945-1950

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Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945-1950 unites primary source materials from the holdings of the Wiener Library and The National Archives in a new online collection supporting research on post-World War II Europe. This collection is edited by Professor Dan Stone, Professor of Modern History, Royal Holloway College, University of London.

This is a unique archive on the situation and plight of survivors, both Jews and non-Jews, of the Holocaust and World War II and traces their first steps back into life and community. A large percentage of Displaced Persons (DPs) were refugees from Eastern European countries fleeing Soviet rule - Poles, Ukrainians, Bulgarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Hungarians, Latvians, Lithuanians - who were not able to return to their homelands until after the fall of the Berlin wall. Many returned to key positions in the reconstruction of their countries in the 1990s.

CONTENT:

- Surveys, leaflets, conference proceedings and records of relief agencies
- Correspondence of relief organizations
- JRU directives, forms, orders and records
- Minutes and correspondence of JRU and other organisations
- Reports of Relief Workers in German camps including Belsen
- US Zone reports
- Exodus Camp records
- Unpublished documents from The National Archives of the UK on immediate post-war refugees and displaced persons following the liberation of the concentration camps
- Administration and operational directives for Allied Forces in Italy and Germany
- Reports of Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees
- Reports of Joint Distribution Committee (Jews)
- Situation reports from Transit, Refugee and Exodus camps
- Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission monthly reports
- DP Assembly Centre Weekly Reports
- War Office memos e.g. on "Proof of forcible removal of foreign civilians"
- Telegrams
- Photos and maps from the National Archives Picture Library

Post-war Europe Series I is an essential research tool for Jewish studies, German history, the Holocaust and World War II studies, Displaced Persons (DPs) and Refugee studies, Genocide, and Peace studies.

TOPICS COVERED:

- Refugee camps across Europe including England, Germany, Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia
- British zone repatriation policy and operations
- Displaced Persons' Assembly Centre reports and repatriation of POWs
- The Maclean Mission in Italy
- Records of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation
- Jewish Relief Unit field reports
- British Military Government in Germany
- Belsen Displaced Person's Camp
- Adoption of Jewish orphans

THEMATIC ESSAYS:

Introductory and thematic essays by leading, international scholars with direct hyperlinks to the original documents

- Professor Dan Stone 'Introduction'
- Ben Barkow (Director of Wiener Library), 'The Henriques Archive'
- Dr Jessica Reinisch (University of London), 'UNRRA and the international machinery for rehabilitating Displaced Persons'
- Professor Arieh Kochavi (University of Haifa), 'The politics of Displaced Persons in post-war Europe, 1945-1950'
- Dr Juliane Wetzel and Angelika Königseder (Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, Berlin) 'DPs 1945-1950: the social and cultural perspective'
- Dr Michael Brenner (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich), 'Displaced Persons and the desire for a Jewish National Homeland'
- Dr Rainer Schulze (University of Essex, UK), 'Bergen-Belsen, 1945-50'

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