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The refugees eat their three meals a day in an open-air dining room, with a canopy overhead. As to the food itself, the refugees are vocal in their praise of quality and quantity. This is what the menu is like: for breakfast: fruit cereal, the excellent native coffee, toast and butter (for the children there is fresh cow's milk); for luncheon: soup, a meat or egg dish, vegetables, macaroni and a fresh fruit dessert; for dinner, usually a light meal, there is an omelet, rice, coffee and a hot or cold dessert. The Sabbath meals are more varied; the holiday spirit is then reflected in the cuisine.

generally? First, they have an opportunity to erase the imprints of their previous experiences by the use of the recreation hall and other facilities, such as a canteen and movies, in the adjacent sections of the camp and in Kingston. At the recreation hall the refugees can play games, dance, play the piano, listen to the radio. A recreation hall is an indispensable requirement of any refugee centre such as the one in Jamaica. It means a chance to forget.

The refugees are not permitted to get employment unless the job cannot be filled by a Jamaica citizen. However, some of the refugees are already employed in the camp itself, working as bakers, carpenters, electricians, shoemakers, etc.

The movements of the refugees are necessarily circumscribed, but not at all stringently. They can circulate freely among the other sections of the camp and they can go into town. Ordinarily, the time limit for return is 10 o'clock at night. Those persons who want to stay out later for one reason or another receive special permission.

For those who require Kosher food, arrangements have been made to bring Kosher beef from New Orleans. Chickens slaughtered according to ritual are obtained in Jamaica itself. There will shortly be facilities for a synagogue; in the meantime, services are conducted in the office of the commandant.

What is the life of the refugees like? The physical welfare of the refugees has already been arranged. The camp has facilities for hospitalizing 300 patients. In addition, a health officer supervises sanitary and prophylactic work. Health conditions are generally very good. Out of the entire camp population of 1700 people, including

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personnel, 30 are confined to the hospital, and of these 12 are old and infirm. The remainder suffer merely from minor ailments.

The 30 children in the group are receiving preliminary English instruction, and after a few weeks they will join the school which the Gibraltar children attend.

In the two years that I have been overseas, this is the first time that I have encountered such civilized and humane handling of refugees. The whole atmosphere at Gibraltar Camp is one which dispels the feeling of being interned. Many of the Polish Jewish refugees say that in the short time that they have been there they have regained their self-respect. Naturally, they are concerned about the future. But that concern no longer carries the intensity which marked their life in Lisbon.

Shortly before I left Jamaica I lunched with the governor of the island, Sir Arthur Richards. He asked me how the refugees felt about living in Jamaica. My reply to him perhaps sums up the attitude of the refugees.

"They never seem to lose an opportunity," I said, "to express their gratitude to the authorities for their sympathetic attitude and the permission to come and live in Jamaica until the war is over."

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