

Displaced Persons in Hamburg



From a series of 42 photographs probably taken in June 1945 by British soldiers at the "Zoo" DP camp near Hagenbeck's zoological gardens in Hamburg. The first photograph shows Polish DPs, the second one shows a Soviet DP being given clothes.

(IWM)

Displaced Persons from 26 countries

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Month and Year: MAY 1945

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HAMBURG			<p>All DP's have been fed by the org which was in operation when the city fell. At no time have DP's received less than 2000 calories a day.</p> <p>On MAY 15th 521 I.I.I. Gov Det requisitioned the BING VILHJELMSSKOLEN, the German authorities having increased the bathing and ablution room and kitchen facilities. They were also made to furnish the rooms in a becoming manner. This first class room for some 1,000 DP's became a DP Hotel for DP's for immediate registration and was therefore assigned to give the greatest degree of luxury that could be attained.</p> <p>In order to improve the clothing and welfare amenities of the DP's the 521 I.I.I. Gov Det on order of 521 I.I.I. Gov Det set up a warehouse and stocked it. In this manner it was possible to reclothe the needy cases, and suit cases, trunks, shoes and other amenities immediately as required. The warehouse was stocked with goods from stores in the trade and largely by levy on the inhabitants of Hamburg through the medium of BING VILHJELMSSKOLEN.</p> <p>The Det through Assembly Centres directly under its control dispatched out of 18 DP's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Argentine 2 Australian 1601 Belgian 1 Dancer 1006 Czechs 102 Chinese 139 Danes and 34 Suspects. 342 Dutch 5 English 26 Estonian 7000 French 30,000 PXI 30 Dr Hasi, Waffen SS etc. 	

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According to British records, 68,974 people from 26 countries were registered as Displaced Persons in Hamburg in May 1945.

(TNA (PRO))

Wentorf Sanatorium



The "Committee of Former Political Prisoners" set up sanatoriums for concentration camp survivors and children's homes in Hamburg and the surrounding area.

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On the Ferry



Survivors on board the "Kronprinsessan Ingrid", a ferry chartered by the Swedish Red Cross. Taken in May 1945. Many survivors were brought to Sweden to recuperate and were taken care of there by the Swedish Red Cross. They were often still dressed in their prisoners' uniforms and were sick and weak when they arrived in Sweden on the ferry. Many recovered at least physically from their imprisonment and left the country again to return home, while others decided to remain in Sweden.

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