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HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

Some of the material not having come up to expectations this may not turn out to be the best order for mounting the story. However, here is the first idea:

Working title: HUNGARIANS TO BOOST
BRITISH COAL OUTPUT

Establishing shot

Pithead

Angle shot

Winding Wheel

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Coal Board School for Teaching Basic English

Sequence in School

Unfortunately this had to be shot silent, to save Sound Truck petrol.

Commentary explains that a 10-12-week course teaches enough Basic English to enable H.R.s to receive instruction in Mine Work at Coal Board School. Basic English consists of about 850 words, chosen to equip the speaker to get by in nearly everything. It is based on the Far Eastern Pidgin English. Lessons are conducted by teachers who know no Hungarian. Experience confirms that that is the best way to get quick results.

Short Sequence at

Aberavon Mining Training School. H.R.s learning.

Commentary explains that the Coal Board has imported so far 3,000 H.R.s, who have undertaken to stay in England and work in mines.

Establishing Shot

H.R. Hostel at Corsham, Wilts, housing discontented H.R.s who refuse to work in England. They want to go to America and were told in Austria they would be able to do so as soon as they had landed here. They don't understand that U.S. won't have them till U.S. Immigration Quota has been specially increased in their favour. Congress is showing no haste. Most of the H.R.s here at Corsham believe that it is England's fault they can't go, and that they are being deliberately kept here.

If sequence is long enough it can carry the additional information that Canada is making arrangements to receive H.R.s in near future.

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Now a few examples of H.R.s who have settled down here, have got jobs and found themselves lodgings, or quarters with families who have volunteered to have them.

Short Sequence at MUNICIPAL JOURNAL, Clements Inn, where Domes Kovacs is working as a packer. He was a film script writer in Budapest. His employers hope to get him work more suited to his talents.

Factory Sequence A single woman and three or four mm others work here making candlewick cloth.

H.R. working at Pathe Stills Dept.

The Kovacs family Parents and three children (no relation to first Kovacs) have been give quarters in house of Rev. ~~Shuman~~ Fisher (Congregationalist), a really practising Christian. Kovacs was a schoolmaster and is now trying to earn a living as a musician in a club band.

All five Kovacs are good types and it was hoped this sequence would be strong enough to end the story. It may not be. If not perhaps another title can be used and the whole story turned round.

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