

persons were deported to slave-labour behind the Ural Mountains to Siberian and Arctic hard-labour camps. Husbands were separated from their wives, families were disintegrated. It is not known that anyone has returned alive from these camps. A number of citizens of these states who found no means of escape, preferred to commit suicide rather than submit to deportation.

If we take the occupation of the Baltics by the German armies into consideration along side the present Russian occupation, then it is estimated that the small peace-loving Baltic States have lost, as victims of Hitler's and Stalin's rule, close to one half-million people.

In the fall of 1944, when the Russian front moved closer to the Baltic States for the second time, a large-scale evacuation took place by countless citizens, who found ways and means of escape. They preferred to leave their homeland and save their lives, rather than submit to barbarism and terror and possibly death. These individuals who lived close to the coast, fled with fishing boats to Sweden. Residents further inland fled South-West by land till they arrived at the British-American occupation zones in Germany.

The following table shows the origin and present location of refugees from the three Baltic countries:

	Germany	Austria	Denmark	Sweden	Total
Estonia	32,100	c. 1,000	800	31,900	65,800
Latvia	80,300	c. 2,000	?	4,400	86,700
Lithuania	52,400	950	?	560	53,910
Total	164,800	c. 3,950	800	36,860	206,410

A small number of these citizens found refuge in Italy, France and elsewhere. Among the 31,900 Estonians in Sweden are some seven thousand Estonians of Swedish origin, who were given Swedish citizenship, upon their arrival. This fact brings the total number of Estonians in Sweden down to 25,000.

The distribution of Estonian refugees in the beginning of 1946 as compared with the spring of 1948 is as follows:

Countries having received refugees	Number of refugees in 1946	Number of refugees in 1948	Immigration to
German Bi-Zone	32,100	25,400	
Sweden	25,000	22,600	
Austria	1,000	700	
Denmark	800	350	
France	300	500	
Italy	200	200	
Elsewhere	100	1,300	
			Great Britain
			Canada and U.S.A. . .
			Belgium and Holland
			Repatriated
			5,500
			1,300
			400
			1,300
			8,500
	59,500	51,000	51,000
Total	59,500		59,500

There are difficulties involved in securing accurate figures as to the total number of refugees, their present place of domicile, their nationalities and their occupations, for there is a constant movement from place to place and change of occupation. But these figures correspond fairly accurately with the present situation.

We can see from the above figures that during the last two years 5,500 Estonian D.P.'s., approximately 10 per cent of the Estonian refugees, have moved to Great Britain, amounting to 45 per cent of the Estonians in the British Zone in Germany (1946: 13,698 pers.: Feb. 1, 1948: 7,809 pers.).