

presided over by lawyers, county court judges, King's counsel, assisted by people from the refugee organizations and by the police, and their action was to grade all the aliens into classes A, B, or C: class C being the class of which it was said, "you are perfectly harmless, you are a refugee in the true sense of the word and you may be permitted to be at large"; class B was the class in connection with which there was not too much information but on the whole it was said, "no danger will arise from the fact that they are at liberty, but they must be under certain restrictions, they have to report to the police, they have to report any change of address, and they are not to travel any more than five miles from their place of abode without obtaining permission from the police". Those are not very serious restrictions but are just sufficient to enable the authorities to keep an oversight. Class A was the class it was decided should be interned, and under that procedure a small number - not a very large number - of aliens were interned. There was a special class both of aliens and British subjects who were interned at the outbreak of the war who were on the list of the police or military Intelligence, people against whom something was known, and they were all interned; but all of them had the right to appear before the Home Office Advisory Committee to present their case; and the committee began to sift those cases and to grade them, and as a result a great number of people were set at large. At that time the number of aliens who were interned was few. That was the situation until the following year in 1940, then a great change came over the situation inasmuch as it was seriously