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“For the past three-and-a-half years, I have been subjected to continual racial harrassment in my job as a letter carrier with the Post Office in London. During that time, I filed several complaints with the police, and have lodged a formal complaint last year with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The Commission investigated and ruled in my favour, but so far the Post Office has not complied with the terms of the judgement. I fear that the harrassment will now continue in other forms.

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“I can give you just a sample of the kind of insults, both spoken and written, that I have received. These people can’t live with the fact that I am a Polish immigrant and Jewish, so they have attacked me in ways which have hurt deeply:

- “Immigrants are scab labour”
- “You dumb Polak bitch”
- “Go back to Pakistan”
- “You know what we do with Jews, we put them in the oven”
- “Hitler had the right idea, he just missed a few.”
- “The Nazis were first doing to make dog food out of the Jews but the dogs wouldn’t eat it, so they made lamp shades and gloves out of them instead.”

“I think you get the idea of what it was like, day in and day out. If it wasn’t so hurtful and dangerous, you’d have to feel sorry for the weak minds that come up with thoughts and words like these. But you can’t let them get away with it, because that’s exactly how it got started in Germany. The Nazis didn’t start the extermination of Jews with gas chambers, they started with name calling and hate letters. Once they got away with that, they felt bold enough to try nastier methods.

