

# AUSTRALIA AND THE JEWES

Abbreviated Edition of the booklet  
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☆ These are some of the Jewish boys brought to Australia in 1939 by the Welfare Guardian Society, which was formed to settle young Jewish refugees on the land. Of the 20 boys brought out before war started, 14 volunteered and are now in the forces, the other six are on the land.

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The booklet "Australia and the Jews" was originally published some few years ago, as a result of considerable research, by Mr. Len Fox, a graduate of Melbourne University. The first edition carried a foreword by the late Maurice Blackburn. This little leaflet is an abridged version of the second edition of the booklet, with some more recent additional information. Its purpose is simply to give facts in order to expose the lies being spread by both conscious and unconscious agents of Fascism. There are unfortunately some Australians who still repeat anti-Jewish lies, not realising that it was these lies which helped to bring Fascism to power in Europe, thus precipitating the most terrible of all wars.

It is to open the eyes of Australians to that most potent of Fascist weapons — Anti-semitism — that this leaflet has been produced.

## POPULATION FIGURES

In 1933 according to the census there were 23,553 Jews in Australia. In 1938-39 about 7,000 Jewish refugees came here, so that there are at present just over 30,000 Jews in Australia, which is LESS THAN A HALF OF ONE PER CENT. OF THE POPULATION.

## OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

The 1933 Census lists Jews as follows:

Employer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,946
Working on Own Account	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,074
Wage or Salary Group	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,767
Home Duties, Dependants, etc.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12,766
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The Census gives earnings as follows:

Under £52	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,111
£52-£103	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,082
£104-£155	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,609
£156-£207	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,132
£208-£259	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	994
£260 and over	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,944

These figures show that only 8-9 per cent. of Jews were employers, and that 65 per cent. of breadwinners earned less than £4 per week.

Later figures are not available, but any change would be in proportion to the general change in Australian economic conditions.

## EARLY SETTLERS

We find Jews among the earliest settlers in Australia. Jewish religious services in Sydney commenced in 1828. The Montefiores, an Italian-Jewish family, played a leading part in the founding of South Australia. (See Australian Quarterly, 1937). Montefiore Hill, overlooking Adelaide, is named in appreciation of this family.

To-day there are Jewish farmers in all States, including about 200 at Shepparton (Vic.). The picture on the front page of this leaflet shows Jewish boys brought to Australia to be settled on the land. The Welfare Guardian Society hopes to bring further contingents of boys to Australia to be trained as farmers, as soon as conditions permit.

## POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

In Australia as elsewhere, the strong social conscience of the Jew moves him to take an active interest in the welfare of the country and its people. There are Jews in all political parties—e.g., Mr. A. Landa (Labour, N.S.W.), Mr. A. Michaelis (Lib., Vic.). In Britain of the 613 M.P.'s recently elected, 26 were Jews. In the Soviet Union in 1929 Jews formed 3.5 per cent. of the members of the Communist Party.

## INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Jews play very little part in Australian heavy industry, which is mainly controlled by two big groups, one centred in Melbourne the other in Sydney. Of the dominant members of these groups not one is Jewish. Only three of Australia's big industrialists are Jewish, but on the other hand, Jews have made considerable contributions towards the development of secondary industries, chiefly leather, textiles and clothing.

Ownership and dominant influence in the leading Australian newspapers is in non-Jewish hands.

Of all the leading Australian banks there is only one in which a Jewish family has an interest. The family of Sir Samuel Cohen, Sydney, holds 3,006 of a total of 4,000,000 shares in the Commercial Banking Co., Sydney. There are no Jews on the Melbourne Stock Exchange.

The situation in England is similar. According to the English Banker 1933, "No Jews are among the Governors of the Bank of England," and hardly any on the boards of the Big Five.

In the U.S.A. Jewish financial interests are negligible compared with firms like Morgan, Ford, Rockefeller, Mellon. By far the biggest firm in the international loan market is the house of J. P. Morgan. In Germany, before Hitler, Jewish bank directors were in a decided minority.

It is non-Jews almost entirely who are at the heads of important international cartels and trusts.



*Some of the boys brought to Australia in 1939 by the Jewish Welfare Guardian Society, in the uniform of the Australian Army.*

### WAR RECORDS

In the last war 11 per cent. of Australian Jews enlisted, compared with 9 per cent. of the whole nation. General Sir John Monash, Commander of the Australian Army Corps, was a Jew. Two Australian Jews won the V.C.

In this war, OVER ONE MILLION JEWS ARE serving in the armed forces of the Allies. U.S.A. State Comptroller J. V. O'Leary, declared "WHILE THE JEWS CONTRIBUTE ABOUT 3 PER CENT. OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION I AM RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ABOUT 8 PER CENT. ARE IN MILITARY SERVICE."

Approximately 4,000 Jews are serving with the Australian forces. Exact figures for all States have not yet been released but it is known that about 16 per cent. of the Jewish male population of W.A. enlisted.

### REFUGEE ALIENS

In the years 1938-39, between 7-8,000 Jewish refugees from Nazi terror came to Australia. The assistance of these refugees to our war effort has been far greater and more important than their numbers would have led one to expect. Many are scientists and research workers, others are experts who have set up new industries, manufacturing goods which were previously imported and creating new avenues of employment for Australian workers. Refugees have contributed particularly to the manufacture of optical instruments and other precision work, aircraft production, special branches of engineering and textile trades, etc.

When war was declared, all refugees were anxious to offer their services to the country which had received them, but it was not till February, 1942, that the Federal Government gave them permission to volunteer for the A.M.F. Of the 3,500 males of military age, 3,489 immediately volunteered. 1200 were accepted and are serving with the A.M.F.

## *Anti-Semitism is a Fascist Weapon*

The military might of the Nazis has been crushed, but the ground-work of ideas laid by the Nazis in the past 10 years, in their campaign to dominate the world, has not been destroyed. There are still Englishmen, Americans, even Australians, with Nazi ideas, continuing their disruptive and treacherous work, repeating the lies of Hitler and Goebbels. NAZI GERMANY HAS BEEN DEFEATED BUT FASCISM STILL EXISTS AND ANTI SEMITISM IS STILL ONE OF ITS MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS.

Reactionary forces have always used anti-semitism as a weapon against those they oppressed. It was easy to blame the small Jewish minority for the misery caused by the tyrants.

In medieval Europe, tyrannical rulers encouraged their impoverished subjects to blame the Jews for their unfortunate lot.

In 19th century France, the discontent of the people against their corrupt government was turned against an innocent Jew, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, who was alleged to be a German spy. In the popular outcry which followed, the corruption of the government was forgotten. After 12 years, Dreyfus was cleared, and publicly restored to an honoured position in the army. But the harm had been done.

In Tsarist Russia, the dread "Black Hundred" were used to massacre Jews and to inflame the peasantry against them. That ridiculous forgery, the so-called Protocols of Zion, was first produced by the Russian Secret Police in 1901, at a time of great social unrest, to incite the Russian people against the Jews instead of against their real oppressors. It was used again in America, during the depression following the last war, to stir up the American workers against their Jewish fellow workers. This forgery has been exposed by no less a paper than the London "Times" in 1921, and by law courts in Switzerland and South Africa in 1934 and 1935.

In Nazi Germany, the Jews were banished, but this did not improve the position of German business men, farmers or workers. WHEREVER THE JEWS HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED DEMOCRACY HAS SUFFERED. Attacks on Jews have only been a prelude to attacks on Catholics, Protestants, Trade Unionists and others.

**ANTI-SEMITISM IS A FASCIST WEAPON**

**IT IS PART OF A DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN  
TO DESTROY AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY**

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## TOLERANCE, KEY TO THE NEW ORDER

Some appalling figures, a disgrace to the human race, were published recently concerning the extent of the mass murder of Jews in Europe. Of 3,000,000 Jewish inhabitants of Poland about 90,000 were left alive. Of 150,000 in Holland 25,000 remain, of 440,000 in Hungary 250,000, and in Berlin 6000 out of 90,000 survive.

These massacres of an ancient people are a warning to humanity against racial and religious intolerance.

Intolerance does not begin nor end with anti-Semitism. Among the less developed human mentalities there is always to be found a trace of xenophobia. Under sufficient goading by race is using it for their own ends, this easily develops into a hatred for other classes, sects and races, apart from ones' own.

Here in Australia intolerance is behind some of our thinking. Not only is there a minority that expresses anti-Semitic ideas, but there exists, in a section of the community, a resentment against foreigners simply because they are foreigners.

Even British migrants have, in the past, had to contend with a measure of dislike based mainly on the absurd notion that each migrant took a job away from an Australian.

The United States became a great nation because it attracted millions of healthy white immigrants. It made some mistakes in this regard, but they have been largely balanced out by a policy of education which has transformed even a high percentage of the doubtful human material into democratic and patriotic Americans.

Australians can learn much from America's example while profiting by her mistakes. This country, if it is ever to reach permanence among great nations, must educate its people to the acceptance of the main idea that, among the democratic peoples of the earth there are many whom we should be glad to welcome to Australia—many who would respond with enthusiasm if given the chance to come here and merge themselves into our life and customs and national progress.

Australians who study their map and realise their situation in relation to the world's great population groupings must also realise that they cannot afford to maintain the insular, intolerant attitude which sees a potential rival in every friendly new arrival who happens to use a different language or accent.

There are many such in the great family of white peoples who have for years fought and endured bravely in the common struggle for democratic ideals.

The whole world needs more tolerance if it is to avoid other cruel wars, and it is sad to reflect that some Australians are slow to seek that fine quality which springs from knowledge and reason, and lifts mankind above the beasts.