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c. Displaced Persons

The greater percent of Jews in Bezirk Steyr are Hungarian Jews who have arrived within the last few months by various means, mostly illegal. They have organized a committee and have attempted to bully the Buergermeister and the Bezirks-hauptmann into giving them all property formerly belonging to Austrian Jews which was taken by the Nazi regime. They claim that one Jew is as good as another Jew and that nationality is not important. The local Austrian officials attempted to explain that legally this cannot be done, and in return have been accused of an anti-semitic attitude.

In Steyr there are approximately 500 Jews living without visable form of employment. They receive subsistence and clothes from UNRRA in excess to their actual needs and, consequently, a great portion of this food and material finds its way to the black market. This was reported to the Austrian Kripo Police, and they replied that unless a memorandum were received from CIC to investigate they would not make inquiries, because they would be accused of persecuting the Jews. This situation has an unhealthy effect on local Austrians.

Former enemy nationals, especially of German origin, appear to be fighting the strict repatriation campaign with every means possible, posing as members of religious orders, assuming false illnesses, and attempting other delaying tactics in an effort to remain in Austria.

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