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Migration and Empires Come Home

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March 1945 Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) order 1067
"Take no steps toward the economic rehabilitation of Germany or that are designed to maintain or strengthen the German economy"

July 1947 JCS 1779 “an orderly, prosperous Europe requires the economic contributions of a stable and productive Germany”
Germany in 1947

Occupied Zones
- green-British
- blue-French
- orange-USA
- red-USSR

rebuilding Europe (continued)
Divided Germany, Divided Europe

Factors contributing to division of “Germany”
• West German political elites chose prosperity and military security over neutrality
• US economic and political need for a strong German market and ally against Soviet expansion
• Soviet policy—need to rebuild economy after war, and for protection against west
• France and Britain—fears of strong Germany

1945 Germany divided into four Occupied Zones
June 1948 American, British, and French zones agree common economic and currency reforms
June 1948- Soviet land blockade of Berlin
May 1949 (and Berlin airlift; 34 flights/hour)
May 1949 Federal Republic of Germany (West) and German Democratic Republic (East) formed
1952-53 forced collectivization in East prompts emigration
1954 USA, UK, France, etc. grant diplomatic recognition to “West Germany”
1961 Berlin Wall built

Peter Fechter, killed by guards at Berlin Wall, 1962

rebuilding and dividing Europe (continued)
Soviet power, unlike that of Hitlerite Germany, is neither schematic nor adventuristic. It does not work by fixed plans. It does not take unnecessary risks. Impervious to logic of reason, it is highly sensitive to logic of force. ... Gauged against Western World as a whole, Soviets are still by far the weaker force. Thus, their success will really depend on degree of cohesion, firmness and vigor which Western World can muster. ... All Soviet propaganda beyond Soviet security sphere is basically negative and destructive. It should therefore be relatively easy to combat it by any intelligent and really constructive program... Our first step must be to apprehend, and recognize for what it is, the nature of the movement with which we are dealing... We must see that our public is educated to realities of Russian situation... Much depends on health and vigor of our own society. World communism is like malignant parasite which feeds only on diseased tissue....

Poland “moves west”: what do the people do?

Expulsion is the method which… will be the most satisfactory and lasting. There will be no mixture of populations to cause endless trouble… A clean sweep will be made…. I am not alarmed by these transferences, which are more possible in modern conditions.

Europeans as immigrants

30 million “displaced persons” (DPs) in Europe, 1945

1945-1956: 4.5 million Europeans emigrated to USA, Canada, Australia, Israel, South America

estimated 250,000-300,000 “war brides”

**homeless children (1945)**

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Czechoslovakia, 1947: 35% of those under 18 had tuberculosis

1945-1951: 13,000 UNRRA* workers in Europe (mainly US and British citizens; 44% women)

* United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency
Expulsion of “Germans” from Eastern Europe, 1945-1949

1945 estimated 30 million “displaced persons” in Europe

1945-1949 estimated 12.5 million “ethnic Germans” re-settled in occupied German zones; 2 million “lost”

2007 German chancellor Angela Merkel calls for monument to expellees

In Poland, I'm a German. In Germany, a Pole. Perhaps they should create a state for us on the moon. We might finally feel at home.

Bernadetta Nitschka, from Silesia (1949)
The Nation and the Family

“It is not the actual events of the war, such as bombardment and military operations, which have affected these children emotionally, with their love of adventure and their interest in destruction and movement. What does affect a child is the influence these events have on emotional ties in the family… and, especially, the sudden loss of the mother.”


displaced persons in refugee facility run by United Nations (Sweden, 1946)

UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund) flag, 1946-
Migration and Empire comes home: map of decolonization
Religion and the Partition of British India

*Imperial Gazeteer of India* (1909)—darker red indicates greater percentage of population is Hindu

*Imperial Gazeteer of India* (1909)—darker green indicates greater percentage of population is Moslem

Jain, Sikh, and Buddhist concentrations

Migration and End of Empire:
Indian Independence and Division

1885  Indian National Congress Founded
1906  All India Muslim League founded
1921  Gandhi calls for civil disobedience; boycott
1942  Quit India movement

July 18, 1947  Independence of India Act passed to take effect Aug. 14-15 (midnight)

Migration and Empire comes home: Partition of India
Making of a “Model Minority”: British Asians today

2006 Census
3.5 million (5.7% of total population)
approx. 1.6 million from Indian backgrounds
approx. 1 million from Pakistani
approx. .5 million from Bangledashi
approx .5 million “other”

Lakshmi Mittal (1950- ); Rajasthan to South Kensington
Chairman and CEO of largest steel company in the world
richest man in Great Britain; eighth richest in the world
“Mau Mau”—the Crisis in Kenya

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<td>State of emergency</td>
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"Things got a little out of hand. By the time I cut his balls off he had no ears, and his eyeball, the right one, I think, was hanging out of its socket. Too bad, he died before we got much out of him."

“[The white British administrator arrives in the Caribbean and is shocked to discover] a thoroughly civilized community, where men wear the same clothes he does, speak no language other than his own, and with its best men as good and, only too often, better than himself.”


slowness laziness irresponsibility
“general characteristics” of West-Indian workers in Britain, according to Sheila Patterson, *Dark Strangers* (1963).
Empire, Citizenship, and Nationality

Criteria of British citizenship

1914  birth within His Majesty’s dominions

1946 Canada creates its own citizenship law

1948  British Nationality Act establishes category “citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies” (CKUC)

1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act (CKUCs subject to immigration law, unless passport was directly issued by UK government)

1971 Immigration Act limits “right of abode”

1981 British Nationality Act, commonwealth citizens are no longer British

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