

REFUGEES FIND HOPE IN TROPICS SCHEME.

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Trujillo City, capital of the Santo Domingo republic, is holding a conference to study one of the most pressing issues of the day - the world-wide problem of the refugee. Here, where Columbus landed, delegates of thirty two nations met at the invitation of Generalissimo Trujillo to hear reports on the island's refugee settlement. Proceedings were opened by President Troncoso, who described the first year's progress.

The settlement-administrator is a well-known U.S. philanthropist Dr. Rosenberg.

Unnumbered thousands have fled the countries overrun by Hitler. From port after port some have been turned back to be welcomed, eventually, by Santo Domingo.

From Florida, at upper left, to this New World haven is about 700 miles; and here, on the fertile northern coast of the island is the Sosua settlement, projected home of 100,000. 300 refugees have known blissful peace here for twelve months.

They began the new life a year ago. In barrack-quarters for the first six months they grew accustomed to the tropical climate. All worked on the land. Belgian engineer joined Bohemian lawyer in farming. Out of the reach of tyranny they knew the joy of the free man cultivating the good earth.

80,000 acres of first class land was given to the settlers by General Trujillo. American well wishers subscribed half a million dollars to finance them.

Good roads will soon carry their produce to the ports. Dairy farming makes excellent headway, supplying the settlers themselves, with enough over to run a cheese factory.

(CU CHEESE) Sosua cheese is now in big demand at New York provision shops.

In the hot mid-day hours work is impossible and settlers take advantage of the nearby beach.

A four-roomed house on a ten-acre plot is given to each refugee as soon as he is a qualified cultivator. The houses aren't thrown up higgledy-piggledy; they're on a settlement properly surveyed before actual clearing begins, so that the colony won't look like a bungalow growth. It's a fine humanitarian experiment.

(CU MAN SAILING) To refugee millions the symbolic figure of Columbus extends the hand of welcome to the vast lands of Pan America.

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OFF STAGE VOICE--WAR REFUGEE
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1. War Refugee Solution?
2. Tropical Trujillo City, once called Santo Domingo, is today center for study of this war-torn world's enormous refugee problem. Here, where Columbus landed, the Dominican Republic has established a non-sectarian refugee settlement that may offer a working, humane solution. By invitation of Generalissimo Trujillo, delegates from 32 nations hear from President Troncoso on the first year's results of the refugee settlement administered by the American, James N. Rosenberg, left. And Dr. Rosenberg leads a survey of future refugee problems.
14. 3,000 miles away--all over bleeding Europe--today holds scenes like these. Train-loads of unwanted peoples. Jews, Catholics, Protestants, driven out. Millions now, millions upon millions more when war is over. The young, the old, the puzzled, who seek some one place of living rest. A pitiful few, escaped in ships--sailed to find no port would have them. A very few sailed to the Dominican Republic--and found a new place--a new way.
28. From Florida, at upper left, to this new world haven is about 700 miles. And here, on the fertile northern coast of the Dominican Republic is Sosua Settlement--projected home for 100,000 of Europe's homeless. About 300 refugees are already here.
36. Each refugee began life here, a year ago, in barracks quarters for about six months of adjustment to climate, and to a new existence. Assigned to common work projects, Belgian engineer joins Bohemian lawyer in farming. For all there is the strength of beginning in the feel of this hemisphere's good earth. Already, 700 acres are under cultivation. Basic economy of the colony is agriculture.
49. The 26,000 acres are a gift of Generalissimo Trujillo, who has added 50,000 acres. A \$500,000 settlement fund was raised by American donations. An incorporated settlement association supervises colonization. A cheese factory is a new and successful industry, and New Yorker's have already sampled Sosua cheese.
61. Through the hot mid-day hours work pauses. The settlers were picked for physical fitness as well as character qualifications. Once proven, colonists get four-room homes, and deed to ten acres of land. Out of produce, the settlement association is repaid and a new useful solvent life is begun. After two years, settlers may obtain citizenship as Dominicans--once again be men with countries.
74. It's an experiment in humanitarianism, in economic adjustment that may lead to populating great Pan-American lands. Christopher Columbus's free new world reaches out Democracy's helping hand.....