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LANCASHIRE WELCOMES D.Ps

This is Littleborough, in Lancashire, three miles from Rochdale. For generations, the people who live here, have worked in the town's cotton mills. Today, new faces come to Littleborough. They are displaced persons. From the British Zone in Germany, the homeless of Europe have come to Britain to be employed in undemanding essential industries. Here, in the heart of the county famed for its textiles, a party of 40 girls gets a real Lancashire welcome.

A few years ago some of these D.Ps were students, storekeepers, tailors, clerks. Now they are the first big batch of foreign workers to come to Britain. The majority of Littleborough's new mill girls come from the former Baltic States and from the Ukraine. For political reasons they say it is impossible for them to return to their own countries. This group is a part of the 10,000 who have already arrived here. And this is Littleborough making them feel at home.

Once they were displaced persons - now Lancashire begins to teach them a new language.

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