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HUNGARIANS FOR THE MINES:

At Aberavon, in the South Wales coalfield, men who have lost their country are learning to be miners. They are all Hungarian refugees - and all volunteers. Their first task is to learn Basic English - a few of them (despairing of getting jobs in England) have been enticed back to their own country - but no more are likely to go, for some of those who returned are reported to have been executed. Of the 2,400 Hungarian trainees in Britain, some were miners at home - but all must learn British methods, to work efficiently and safely beside their new colleagues,

This is - if they're allowed to work. For a large number of British miners' lodges have so far refused to take them, and not more than 10 per cent have been placed. The National Union of Mineworkers, has appealed to these lodges to think it over; general secretary Arthur Horner, though himself a Communist, supports the appeal, personally as well as officially. Opposition is two-fold - Communist dislike of the refugees as such, and a more general fear that to employ foreigners may be to side-step demands for better conditions. This fear dies hard; but hundreds of lodges are debating the union's appeal...The country hopes that humanity, and our urgent need for more coal, will win the day.