

"MEIN GOTT."

In a recent issue the *Sunday Express* reported the internment of Mrs. Josephine Harvey, the German-born ex-President of the Hendon Division of the British Red Cross, under Section 18B of the Defence Regulations, to Holloway Jail. This followed the decision of Lord Cromer, until recently Chairman of the Red Cross Executive Committee, that Mrs. Harvey must resign her post within a week.

Who appointed a German woman to this position shortly before we declared war on Germany, after the martyrdom

of Austria, Poland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway? Apparently Mrs. Harvey was a chip of the Hitler block. To quote the *Sunday Express* :—

"People of Hendon had expressed to the police their apprehension that a German-born person should hold a high office in the borough.

"Scores of nurses had for months resented Mrs. Harvey occupying the position.

"A woman paraded before Hendon Town Hall with a poster calling attention to the discontent.

"One nurse told the *Sunday Express*, 'Mrs. Harvey still has a pronounced German accent. When divisional affairs were not to her liking she would sometimes say "Mein Gott."'

HER DICTAPHONE.

"Resignations were handed in because many nurses would not tolerate her.

"Mrs. Harvey's attitude was—if we did not like her methods we could get out and the sooner the better.

"Mrs. Harvey told the nursing commandants that she had installed a hidden dictaphone in their room at branch headquarters.

"She threatened them with instant dismissal if she overheard any grumbling."

A Mrs. Grace Billings was dismissed by this autocratic woman of alien blood. We congratulate the Red Cross nurses in refusing to work under Mrs. Harvey's control.

But again we ask who placed Red Cross workers under German control?

Apparently the London County Council is not the only public body which fails to realise that alien-born control is an insult to which British Nurses should not be subjected, when they move, shadowed by death, by night and by day, from enemies of barbarous breed.

THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL AND ALIEN-BORN CONTROL.

In a letter before us from a German probationer applying for work in an English hospital, she states: "I had one year's Nursery Nurse training and six months' general training in Lambeth L.C.C. Hospital, which I had to leave as I am an alien and the Council does not employ aliens."

This reminds us that so long as the London County Council compels its British Nursing Staff to submit to the control of a naturalised alien Matron, it cannot consistently

exclude alien probationers. Moreover, we call upon the L.C.C. to make it known to applicants for training that they will be placed under the orders of a Matron who is not British born. No doubt this fact would deter patriotic girls from placing themselves in an invidious position during this death struggle with foreign powers. Anyway it is not fair to leave them in ignorance; the position should be made clear in advertisements for staff.

"WE ARE NOT HANDLING IT."

The British temperament is so constituted that if forbidden by irresponsible authority to do certain things, it right away goes and does them. Thus books written by experts giving warning of Hitler's preparations to monopolise Europe, including Great Britain, were opposed by authority and at once became best sellers.

Same with "Guilty Men," by "Cator," stating how we became a fortress island, has been placed on the index by W. H. Smith,

publishers. Presumably if this firm excludes a book from sale in their private shops, they have a right to do so; but when a publishing firm has a monopoly of the bookstalls in every station in England, we claim that unless a book is indecent, they have no right to haughtily inform the public that "We are not handling it" when asked for a popular work.

The king of questioners in the House of Commons, Mr. Geoffrey Mander, naturally asked for information in relation to this book, and was told by Mr. W. S. Liddall, M.P., that "it was all lies." The Minister of Information stated, however, that the book is not on any prohibitive index.

How about "W. H. Smith"? Will the Minister intimate to this firm that its prohibition must cease forthwith?



MRS. JOSEPHINE HARVEY
(of German nationality) marching at the head of
Red Cross Workers.

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