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Sir,

I, Hans E. Goldschmidt, born in Vienna on March 22nd, 1908, of Austrian nationality, was classed as "refugee from Nazi oppression" and exempted from all restrictions by the Government's Tribunal in November, 1939. In spite of this, I was interned on July 1st, 1940, and sent to the Internment Camp Longfield. My internee number there was 138115. At Longfield I filled in an application form for release to which no reply has reached me so far.

On July 10th, I was ~~sent~~ ^(together with 350 other internees) ~~sent~~ ^{sent} to Singapore, ostensibly to a "more permanent camp"; to my complete consternation, however, I found myself suddenly ^{aboard} ~~on board~~ of H.M.T. Junera: under conditions now known to you, I was deported to the very antipodes of England without any notice ~~whatsoever~~ ^{or consideration whatsoever}.

If, as the Undersecretary of State, Mr. Peake, stated on Aug 22nd in the ^{House of Commons} ~~House of Commons~~, "there is perfectly conclusive evidence that 90 per cent of those who went to Australia were anxious to go there", I certainly constitute a part of the remaining 10 per cent.

It seems a strange contrast that, whilst the Prime Minister, in his public speech of Nov 8th, named Austria among the countries "with whom or for whom we draw sword", I should be deported to a place 13000 miles from Europe and put there behind barbed wire for the only reason that I am an Austrian!

