

Anti-Refugee Parade in Baden (1953)

Abstract

This photograph features a sign from a parade in Baden, in southwestern Germany; it reads: “Baden’s worst horror: the new stream of refugees!!” The demonstration drew attention to the state refugee compensation scheme within the West German states, which resulted in more refugees/expellees arriving in Baden, where they needed to be housed. Since resources were already scarce, newcomers were often seen as unwanted competitors. Popular rumors and prejudices—the idea, for example, that refugees lived on support from state and local communities—also helped foment jealousy and resentment.

Source



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