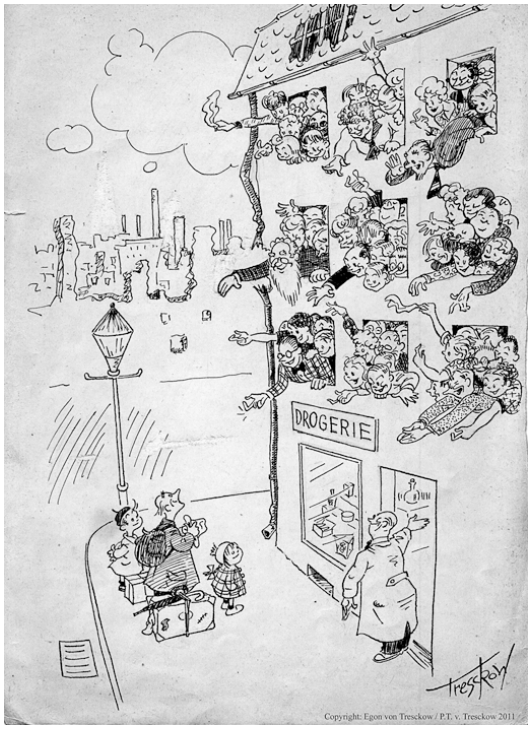
Caricature of Refugees and Overcrowding in Kassel (1945)

Abstract

In this caricature, an unscrupulous German, represented by an overweight pharmacist/landlord, invites a naïve-looking refugee family to live in the overcrowded rental unit above his pharmacy. His current tenants lean out of the windows, waving as though in joyous welcome to the newcomers. The caricature portrays refugees as intruders who flood Germany's destroyed cities in flagrant disregard for the misery of established populations who were still reeling from the war. Published in the *Hessischen Nachrichten* in December 1945, this caricature mocks arriving refugees for being naïve enough to believe that there was room for them in Germany.

Source



Source: Caricature of refugees and overcrowding in destroyed Kassel, *Hessische Nachrichten* from 15. December 1945. Website for the exhibition ANGEKOMMEN of the "Zentrum gegen Vertreibung," http://www.ausstellung-angekommen.de/index.php?id=29&tx_wtgallery_pi1[show]=16926389 1&cHash=f294baba0ed816f953f4967985ebca82

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