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### Return of the Children

**A**LMOST six thousand British children who have lived in the safety of the United States during the trying war years are homeward bound at last. Many will find their former residences among the 185,000 demolished by German bombs. Many will find themselves without kinship, except the warm-heartedness of surviving neighbors. They will find that whole blocks of buildings have been razed; churches, schools, shops, playgrounds have vanished.

But the spirit that enabled Britain to continue the fight in 1940 will not be dismayed. British children who have been saved for the future by American generosity will enter into a heritage of which they will be more worthy because of their stay in this country.

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## Freed Groups Leave Here on Journey Home

Healthier and happier than at any time in the last three and a half years, during which they endured the horrors of Japanese prison camps, first of a group of internees recently liberated in the Philippines yesterday started the second lap of their long journey home.

Under the supervision of Red Cross and other workers, 1000 American and 250 British men, women and children climbed aboard special Pullman cars provided by the major railroads.

Wholesome food, new clothes and, in the case of the women, a dash of lipstick and powder had done wonders for the evacuees who only last Wednesday arrived in Los Angeles, the scars of their long internment still visible on their faces and in their manner.

### Look Almost "Normal"

Now they looked almost "normal." Their faces were filling out, the novelty of clean, new clothes was wearing off and they took their places aboard the trains with only a trace of self-consciousness.

The British, whose departure was supervised by Maj. Ray Glen, local president of British War Relief, will travel to an eastern port and embark for England. Accompanying them are Mrs. Merriam Wainwright, chief escort; Mrs. Agnes Kimball, assistant, and Mrs. Catherine Moody, R.N. Fifty-two Canadians took a special train to Vancouver.

The railroads made special arrangements so the repatriates would not have to leave the cars at transfer points. A few smaller groups are scheduled to leave today.



**HEADED FOR ENGLISH HOMES**—A group of British children get farewell glimpse of Los Angeles from train windows as they begin another lap of the journey home after having come here following their liberation from Japanese prison camps. Times photo

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