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The refugee arrives only after he has gone through experiences perhaps unparalleled in the history of modern mankind... Only his education and his former status are left as bases of self-respect and emotional balance... The American is at an utter loss to understand the émigré's tenacious clinging to the old occupation.

—Gerhart Saenger, refugee philosopher  
("The Psychology of the Refugee," 1940, 265–267)

I have been having a rather hectic time... Half of Europe seems to be passing through New York. And I have been seeing a sizeable number of these... Some of the ... people I have met ... have harrowing experiences to relate; and seeing so many splendid men splendidly equipped intellectually, but without any prospects, one does not quite know what to do with one's own despair.

—Ernest Nagel, U.S. philosopher (letter to Charles Morris, Oct. 20, 1938)

