

## REFUGEE JEWS

Sir,—Evidently your correspondent, C. F. Bardwell, does not appreciate the refugee's sense of obligation to this free country for granting us freedom. Jews claim no monopoly of all the virtues, but we are and must be loyal to every English-speaking country because we enjoy equality of citizenship. In Palestine, out of a total of Jewish population of 450,000, mainly refugees from Austria, Germany, southern and central European countries, many have enlisted voluntarily for active service to fight the common enemy.

Australian or refugee Jews are giving, and will give, their all, wealth and life to defeat the beasts of civilisation. We Jews have more to lose in this war than any other nation, race, or creed, for, should disaster overtake the Allies' cause (which God forbid!) we would be the first to be exterminated by the Nazi and Fascist beast.

Like C. F. Bardwell I served with the A.I.F. for over four years, have been wounded and crippled for life. And I was a Jewish refugee (—) from the Czarist pogroms of Russia. May I, therefore, appeal earnestly to C. F. Bardwell not to waste his energies in anti-semitic letters to the Press, thus causing disunity among Australian people. Let Jew and gentile, having the freedom of the world at heart, fight shoulder to shoulder in this struggle against the greatest menace the world has ever known.—Yours, &c.,

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