

# Home Again After 33 Years' Exile

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## Another Party of Boers from the Argentine

**THRILLED** with the sight of their native country, which some had not seen for more than 30 years, a further party of 24 Boers landed at Cape Town yesterday at the end of their long voyage from the Argentine.

Thirty-three years ago 600 Boers went into voluntary exile in the Argentine. Last month 32 of them returned to South Africa, and the Manila Maru brought the second party yesterday. Of the 24, seven had come independently, while the rest had received assistance from the Dutch Reformed Church.

As they stood looking around at the city from the ship's deck, many of them were unable to restrain their tears. A few of those who had returned earlier met them, and shaking them by the hand as they were re-united.

Many years spent in a foreign country failed to disguise the fact that they were all typical Afrikaners, and only the berets worn by the little children struck a note of strangeness.

Mr. Gert Malan, healthy and strong at 70, smiled happily, and old Mrs. Peach sat on deck with her grandchildren, who saw their fatherland for the first time. She had desired nothing more than to know that she would find a grave in her own country when her time came. Mr. George Peach was overjoyed. "Now I will never go away again," he said with feeling.

### BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN

The younger Mr. Peach's two beautiful red-headed little children, a young girl, and a boy of only three years old, both spoke Afrikaans perfectly. Only those who had been to school could speak Spanish, it was explained.

Mr. Johannes Coetzee, who had lived in the Argentine for more than 20 years, is going back to a farm near Burghersdorp.

"Things have been a bit better for the Boers in the Argentine these last three years," he said, "but we could never even dream of this. It is wonderful."

Among the party there were nine children, one of them a touching sight. Blind, she could see nothing of what her friends so enjoyed. Yet she smiled as she clung to a little doll.

Soon they will disperse, as they return to their families, and friends, from whom they have been separated for so long.

More than 800 Boers are still living in exile in the Argentine hoping to come back to South Africa within the next few years, and the Dutch Reformed Church is preparing to spend more than £7,000 on their repatriation, which the Union Government is assisting.

restaurants. The entrance hall has been designed to resemble the promenades and decks of a liner.