

Basque Children Go Back

REFUGEES LEAVE HULL FOR BILBAO

In the London train which pulled out of paragon Station, Hull, yesterday morning, was a compartment full of excited Spanish children.

They were seven Basque children returning to their parents in Bilbao – now held by the insurgents – after six months of refuge from the Spanish war. They have been living with other Basque children at Elm Tree House, Sutton.

They left a group of unhappy people on the platform – unhappy not simply because they were losing seven young friends, but because they are not sure about the reception the youngsters will get at their destination.

“They are going from four good meals a day to soup kitchens,“ a member of the Spanish Relief Committee said to the “Times”.

Going back with the children – four boys and three girls – was a pretty young señorita who may be going back to imprisonment. She has been at Sutton for some time looking after the youngsters, and may have to serve a short term for not returning to Spain earlier. But she is going back to her husband...and taking the risk.

Seven children for whom a return to Spain is as yet quite impossible are coming to Sutton from other parts of the country to take the vacant places.