



**MERE TECHNICALITY**—Describing her loss of citizenship when she married a German as a "mere technicality", Mrs. Goldie Sprecher, shown here with her husband Arnold, a former inmate of the ill-famed Dachau concentration camp in Germany, regained her Canadian citizenship in four months. (News Pictures for The Herald)

## Regains Citizenship Lost For Two Years

Am I a Canadian or not? Here is a question that one Montreal resident had to ponder over before her recent presentation of naturalization papers. She is Mrs. Goldie Sprecher, of 4865 St. Urbain street.

Born in Montreal and a resident of this city since that event, Mrs. Sprecher was startled to find she had lost her nationality when she married her husband, a native of Germany.

"It didn't affect me very much as it was largely a technicality," she explained, "I went to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and explained my plight, together with my life history. In four months I was a Canadian again — with naturalization papers to prove it."

Born in Cologne, Germany, of Polish parents of Jewish extraction, her husband, Arnold Sprecher, was interned in the Dachau concentration camp with two of his brothers during the Nazi pogrom in November, 1938.

After six months in the prison, Arnold, together with his brothers, were among the very few to escape. Because his father and some other brothers may still be in the hands of the Nazis, he dares not reveal the method of his escape or tell of his treatment there.

Fleeing to England, Arnold was interned on the Isle of Man for a time and then sent to Canada in 1940 where he was re-interned. In 1941, however, his papers caught

up with him and he was released. Living in Ottawa for two years, he came to Montreal in 1943 when he met his wife. It was the following year when they were married, that Mrs. Sprecher found herself deprived of her citizenship.

## Present Critical Time For Medicine

Speaking on medicine and the changing social order at a meeting of the Canadian Club here yesterday, Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, declared that perhaps the most critical period in the history of medicine on this continent was that which now confronts us. For, he said, with the demobilization of the armed forces and the return to their homes of millions of men whose lives had been regimented, there would come new approaches to all the activities of mankind.

"Certainly," Dr. Fishbein declared, "there are already attempts to carry over into the civilian life of the future much of the direction and control that marked the lives of all of us in wartime. But true democracy," he added, "demands that a considerable share of responsibility for himself be placed in every individual. I firmly believe that removal of that responsibility leads inevitably to destruction of the democracy under which



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