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VISIT OF HUNGARIAN WOODWORKING INDUSTRY EXPERTS

TO FINLAND

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A delegation of Hungarian woodworking industry experts arrived in Finland on April 17 1956. It consists of:

Armand PAAL, member of the Board of the Hungarian Forest Scientific Research Institute, leader of the delegation.

Marion SALAMON, director, plywood expert.

Istvan FUZY, joinery expert.

Arpad BABOTH, department chief in the Hungarian State Economic Planning Department.

Frans SCHUTT, department chief of the Hungarian Import Organization "Lignimpex."

Ferenc TARDOS, "Lignimpex" representative in Finland.

At the reception arranged at the Kämp Hotel April 21, the Hungarian Commercial Attaché E.SOLT was also present.

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The delegation has been traveling around the country to visit some of the more important woodworking industry centers of Finland, concentrating in particular on the plywood and wallboard factories. Among the places they visited were: VIIALA, HAMPEENLINNA, PIHLAVA, LAPPEENRANTA, SAVONLINNA, VARKAUS and JYVASKYLA. They stated that they were impressed and pleased. They noted the high technical level and social welfare at the places they visited.

Hungary has her own woodworking industry, they said, especially in the furniture line. She has exported considerable quantities of furniture to southern and western European countries.

All the papers carry some information on the Finnish-Hungarian trade, none of which is new to RFE.

Finally they claimed that there still is in Hungary -- the kindred country of Finland -- great interest in Finnish development and Finnish conditions. One proof of this is the presence of the delegation of timber experts from Hungary to Finland.

The hosts at the reception in the Kämp Hotel were the firm "Oy Thomen Metsatoimisto," represented by the chairman of their board, L.JOUHKI, and manager Y.TENOMAA.

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