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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY

(All from official Radio KOSSUTH unless specified) "E"

14 DECEMBER

- 0630 According to MAGYAR SZO it is rumored in BUDAPEST that negotiations were started between Janos KADAR and representatives of the Smallholders' and Petofi Party. The paper repeatedly condemns the liquidation of the Central Workers' Council. (Radio NOVI SAD.)
- 0700 According to NEPSZABADSAG the number of independent artisans will be raised considerably.
- 1000 At the Danube Iron Works (former Stalin Works) production is hindered by power shortage. Work can only proceed over night.
- 1100 According to a radio commentary the peasants continued to work on the land even during the fights thereby proving that they have confidence in the KADAR government. (Radio SZOMBATHELY.)
- 1200 This morning long-distance bus services from BUDAPEST were resumed.
- 1205 The presidents of the EGER workers' councils condemned the provocations which took place in the town on December 10 and 11.
- 1210 Persons in unlawful possession of firearms and incitors were arrested in the following towns: SZEKESFEHERVAR, PAKS, KAPOSFU, BONYHAD, SOMLOVASARHELY, VAC, etc.
- 1230 According to a radio commentary certain workers' councils object to the setting up of party cells in factories. In spite of this the organizing of these cells is under way. (Radio PECS.)
- 1235 Report on the 'inhuman' fate of refugees in Austria. (Radio PECS.)
- 1305 During the first two weeks of December 9000 tons of coal were produced in the TATA mines correspond to 16 hours of normal output.
- 1710 Traffic on two international railway lines has been resumed: between BUDAPEST and PARGUE, and BUDAPEST and BUCHAREST.
- 1900 The Pope did not accept MINDSZENTY's resignation. The Vatican criticized the Cardinal's broadcast unreflected.
- 1930 In DOROG and the surrounding woods frequent shooting takes place.
- 1940 This afternoon directors, leaders of the workers' councils and trade unions held a conference at which a resolution was passed. It calls upon workers to resume production and requests the government to give a political and economic program, to fix a date for democratic elections and to clarify its attitude in connection with a multi-party system. The resolution also demands the government to continue to enforce the militia in order that the withdrawal of Soviet troops can be effected as soon as possible.

- 1945 Due to power shortage work had to be suspended at the CSEPEL Works.
- 2005 The government published a resolution on the task of the oil and coal mines. According to it raw material needed in the mines has priority over everything else. In 1957 the number of miners has to be increased by 20 to 25 thousand. In addition a considerable quantity of coal has to be imported.
- 2005 NIXON, Vice-President of the US, is going to VIENNA to study refugee problems. (Radio HOMELAND.)
- 2007 According to NEPAKARAT on December 13 20,000 miners worked in the whole country. (Radio HOMELAND.)
- 2010 At present the Hungarian tobacco industry only covers 30 per cent of domestic needs. Large quantities of cigarettes will be imported in the near future.
- 2155 Only 50 per cent of the TATA miners remained in their jobs. If all goes well they will reach 35 to 40 per cent of normal production by the end of January.
- 2200 According to a statement made by Imre DOGEI, Minister of Agriculture, the Ministry of Deliveries and the Ministry of State Farms have been liquidated.
- 2200 According to a decree published by the Presidium it is forbidden to organize meetings or demonstrations without the permission of the police. Permits have to be applied for three days in advance.
- A radio commentator protests against the deportation of Gyorgy LUKACS, which is reminiscent of Stalinist methods. (Radio NOVI SAD.)

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- 0700 On Soviet proposal the General Assembly of UN put on its agenda the American interference into the internal affairs of East European countries.
- 1005 Today the court martial will hold a public hearing in the case of a KECSKEMET band, consisting of seven members, who organized an armed attack against a director of a state farm.
- 1010 According to NEPSZABADSAG a person can only be sentenced by martial law if he was caught in the act or if the necessary proofs can be immediately presented to the court. The court martial can also bring prison sentences.
- 1205 According to a communique no damage occurred to the gold and currency reserves of the country. The National Bank safes could not be forced open.
- 1210 The county Nograd police started investigations in the case of the SALGOTARJAN demonstrations which took place on December 8. Several persons were arrested.

- 1510 VARPALOTA coalminers call upon the workers of KISPEST and ANGYALFOLD to come and help them in the mines.
- 1515 The Borsod Coalmining Trust produces 10 per cent of its normal output.
- 1600 In the village of KISBENYE unknown persons threw handgranades in front of the train transporting miners. Consequently the miners did not dare to descend into the mines. In this district shooting over night is frequent. (Radio SZEKESFEHERVAR.)
- 1800 The KOMLO coalmines produce 30 per cent of their normal output. (Radio PECS.)
- 1801 Out of 3,600 OROSZLANY miners 1,500 remained in their job. 35 per cent of the shafts has been made to collapse as there are no miners to exploit them.
- 1930 Some of the OZD metallurgical workers are sent out to work in the mines near the town.
- 1940 Gyorgy TOTH, general, commandant of the BUDAPEST police headquarters announced at a press conference that night curfew still remains in force because order has not yet been restored.
- 2005 The MISKOLC court martial sentenced two persons to death for unlawful possession of arms.
- 2005 BORBA strongly refutes a Western press announcement according to which Yugoslav partisans train Hungarian freedom fighters. (Radio HOMELAND.)
- 2155 On December 13 fire broke out in the No. 11 TATABANYA pit.
- 2200 The radio denies the rumor according to which Erno GERO is in BUDAPEST.
- 2200 Richard KILIAN, Daily Express correspondent and Erich WACH, AP correspondent, have been expelled from Hungary. They were arrested in CSEPEL by the police and released within eight hours. (Radio NOVI SAD.)

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