



HUNGARIAN RELIEF BULLETIN

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RED CROSS CREATES HAPPY REUNION

Hours of fruitless search ended in a happy reunion for a New York family and their Hungarian refugee relatives at Camp Kilmer, N.J. just as Sigbirt Adler and his mother were about to abandon their efforts.

Ever since the Hungarian uprising, they had watched the newsreels and television shows hoping to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Adler's cousin and family. Friday night they saw films of two groups of refugees without recognizing anyone. Just as the film ended they received a phone call from a priest whose name they failed to catch. As he told them that their relatives were at Camp Kilmer, the connection was broken and the operator explained a death message for the priest had made it necessary to interrupt the conversation.

Unable to obtain further information they optimistically set forth for Camp Kilmer. Three visits to various offices came to naught as the relatives had not yet been processed and assigned to regular quarters. Paging them on the center's loud speaker system brought no response. The Adlers were about to give up and return to New York to await further developments when they encountered a Red Cross worker. He suggested a visit to the Red Cross Welfare Office nearby.

There, rather pessimistically now, they asked their question again. To their astonishment, the Red Cross volunteer at the reception desk turned and pointed down the corridor. "There they are, placing a phone call to you," she said. After 20 years the family was together again.

Free telephone service to friends and relatives throughout the country is one of the many services extended refugees by the Red Cross at Camp Kilmer.

CANADIANS OPEN CENTER AT GANDER AIRPORT

Canadian and American Red Cross staff and volunteers are both giving emergency assistance to Hungarian refugees at airports in Newfoundland. ARC activities are mainly confined to Harmon AFB, but the Canadian Red Cross has opened a transit center at Gander Airport where most of the commercial planes stop for refueling.

The CRC is providing clothing, cigarettes, food, coffee, comfort bags and other needed items. When a stopover is longer than originally planned, special care is provided for children and movies are shown, according to Richard H. Gluns, CRC Public Relations Director, who recently flew to Austria with a plane load of relief supplies. The services are provided regardless of whether the immigrants are bound for United States or Canada.

CHRISTMAS DONATION IDEA CATCHING ON

"MERRY CHRISTMAS. As the best way to wish you a joyful holiday season, a contribution has been made in your name to the Hungarian Relief Fund of the American Red Cross."

Thus reads the text of Christmas cards made available by the San Francisco Chapter and given to everyone who makes a cash donation, or mailed in accord with the donor's instructions. Several other chapters are using the same idea.

RELIEF AID FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

According to information obtained by Executive Vice President James T. Nicholson during his recent trip to Geneva, seven other Red Cross societies had contributed Hungarian relief supplies, prior to Nov. 28, with an estimated value of nearly three million dollars. It is not yet possible to obtain similar totals from other societies involved in the relief program. Totals for the seven in question follow: Canadian \$231,487, British \$19,040, French \$1,632,000, Netherlands, \$297,000, Norwegian \$191,379, Swedish \$217,897, Swiss \$200,778.

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* THEY'RE DOING IT WITH VANILLA! *
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* When Chairman John O'Connell of the East St. Louis (Ill.) Chapter spoke on *
* the Red Cross Hungarian relief appeal at the local Rotary Club luncheon, a spon- *
* taneous money-raising idea was sparked by another member that mushroomed all *
* over town. After the talk, Jacob Beck of the Beck Vanilla Co., rose and of- *
* fered for sale 50 bottles of vanilla, the entire proceeds to go to Red Cross *
* Hungarian relief. The bottles were gone in minutes. Then Mr. Beck offered *
* 1,000 more bottles with all funds going to Red Cross. East St. Louis homes have *
* a lot of vanilla today and the campaign is moving along in great shape. *
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COMPANY GIVES 500 COATS FOR REFUGEES

The following wire addressed to the American Red Cross at Camp Kilmer, N.J., bespeaks the generosity of the American people as they answer the appeal for aid to Hungarians:

"Traditionally our nation has always championed the rights of freedom and human dignity. It is my privilege to help defend this sacred heritage. Offering to you 500 new coats for Hungarian refugees," Signed George Sagan, President, New York Girls' Coat Co.

The coats were accepted, arrived the following day, and as the temperature hovered in the thirties, brought added warmth to 500 refugees.

VICE PRESIDENT TAKES ARC SUPPLIES

When Vice President Richard M. Nixon left Tuesday by plane for an inspection of the Hungarian relief situation in Austria, he took along 7,000,000 units of Red Cross insulin urgently needed by the ICRC in Austria and in Hungary. The supply was sufficient for 175,000 average daily doses in treating diabetics.

MOST FAMILIES LOSE ENTIRE POSSESSIONS

"Families are leaving homes and possessions for which they have worked a lifetime to accumulate."

These tragic words were spoken at Camp Kilmer, N.J. by 16-year old Maria Kuti, a blonde, blue-eyed hairdresser from Budapest, Hungary, as she recounted her escape into Austria with her mother -- small, gray-haired Ilona Endrody. Maria, telling their story through Red Cross Hungarian-speaking volunteer Mrs. Betty Enyingi of the Somerset Hills Chapter, Bernardsville, N.J., said:

"We walked for miles through mud up to our knees and my mother fainted." The two related how the Red Cross had "helped them all the way" -- from Budapest, where they were given clothing and food, to the American Red Cross refugee camp at Salzburg, where they were cared for prior to entering this country, and then again at Camp Kilmer in the United States.

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* REFUGEES FIND RED CROSS EVERYWHERE *
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* Wherever Hungarian refugees step foot in search for a new home, they find *
* Red Cross people ready and eager to help them. Much has been written about *
* assistance given them in Austria, Iceland, Newfoundland, Camp Kilmer and in the *
* cities or towns in which they settle. Recently several MATS planes were di- *
* verted from the northern flying route by adverse weather and landed at Kindley *
* AFB, Bermuda, and at West Palm Beach, Fla. *
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* "Their immediate needs were met from our hospital supplies and by the *
* magnificent response of the local populace to appeals by civic groups," cabled *
* ARC Field Director William Thomas at Kindley. *
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* Meanwhile in Florida, the Palm Beach County Red Cross Chapter was equally *
* quick in getting on the job, serving orange juice and milk, and distributing *
* writing materials. ARC Field Director James McCotter also gave out needed com- *
* fort articles. *
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"ANY KIND OF JOB TO KEEP FAMILY TOGETHER"

Ferenc Gyurgyik of Gyor, Hungary, is a chiropodist, but he'll settle for "any kind of job just now that will help keep my family together." He arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J. recently with his wife, daughter, age 13, and son, 5. Mrs. Gyurgyik also plans to seek employment. Eventually, he'll reestablish himself in his profession. The Catholic Relief Service is helping him find work and a new home in the U.S. and sponsored his family's trip to America.

Mr. Gyurgyik told Mrs. Yolanda Graham, Hungarian-speaking volunteer from the Somerset Hills, N.J., Red Cross Chapter that "what the Red Cross is doing over in Austria and in this country for the refugees is just wonderful." The Gyurgyiks found refuge in Red Cross centers in Austria.

"We can speak in the loudest voice for what the Red Cross did for us over there," he said. "There was plenty of food and clothing. We were sheltered." Mr. Gyurgyik talked of Red Cross help given to the Hungarians when the Danube overflowed two years ago. "Now they're back in Hungary, feeding our people again," he said.