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4/27, 1957
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Maria Podhorzky

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. 24-B
2. 26
3. Female
4. Divorced
5. Protestant
6. Budapest, Hungary
7. Spent most of her life at Dombóvár, Hungary and Budapest
8. Shortly before the revolution she stayed at the St. Stephen Municipal Hospital as a nurse
9. Respondent was abroad in 1938 in Austria on a family visit and in 1944-45 as a displaced person in Munich, Germany wherefrom she returned in 1945 to Hungary.

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Respondent is a high school graduate and had two years as a student nurse at the St. László Hospital in Budapest. Respondent worked from 1952-1953 as a bookkeeper with the Hungarian Investment Bank at Szekesard. From 1954, until 1956, she was ^a student nurse as mentioned before at the St. László Hospital.

Respondent's parents are living at Dombóvár. The father is 69; the mother is 53. She has one sister who is 23 yrs. old, and she lives at Budapest.

Respondent left Hungary Nov. 24, 1956, and arrived in the US on 1/18/57. ^{int}

She stayed first at Camp Kilmer, and then in Bard College, ^{later on} Philadelphia, and now she's staying at Coventry, Conn.

Respondent hopes for a scholarship as she plans to study medicine which she was not allowed to do in Hungary. Respondent has not been interviewed by any Western organization since leaving Hungary except by the Church in Austria which was a routine investigation connected with her emigration.

Respondent speaks German and has a working and reading knowledge of French.

Personal Background

The background of subject is of the upper middle class. Her father had been the estate manager of Sesterhazy who owned about 40,000 acres in Hungary. Thus her education and surroundings have been extremely good. Kesperent is a typical example of a person who is easily regarded as a so-called "class -alien" by the Communist regime. Due to this fact she had many set backs in her life and career. At first, she was not admitted to the University of Medical Sciences and then Intereste was dismissed from her job, and finally at the nurses' school she had to much to suffer due to her bad cadre file.

She's a very soft spoken and likeable person - a soothing, without quiet personality. I am sure she was a good nurse and would make a very good doctor.