

Interviewee: M. Ivancho Ivancho
Place: N.Y.
Date: September 13/16, 1957

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

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Age 39

Male

Married

Protestant

Born in Cece, Fejer County

Spent most of his life in Hungary in Szekesfehervar

Was never abroad except in Russia as a soldier in World War II.

Performed 5 1/2 years of military service before and during World War II. Did not attain any rank.

Had six grades elementary school and three years of apprentice school.

In 1935 respondent became a tinsmith's apprentice. He became a journeyman in 1938, and opened a shop of his own in 1942.

His tinsmith's shop was nationalized in 1948. In 1949 he attempted to leave the country illegally and was sentenced to one month in prison. From 1959 to '54 respondent was employed as a waiter. In 1954 his wife's soda water plant was returned to them and he worked there until 1955 when it was again nationalized. From late '55 to his departure from Hungary respondent was employed as a journeyman in another private tinsmith shop.

Respondent's parents are 87 and 78, both living in Sarbogard.

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Respondent has four brothers and five sisters. One brother aged 57 is a peasant, ~~xxxx~~ another 55 is a non-commissioned officer in the Hungarian army, a brother 52 works for the Hungarian railway, and one 47 is also a peasant.

His sisters are 50, 43, 41, 36, and 26, all married and in Hungary.

Respondent has one son ~~xxx~~ nine years old, and a daughter 13. They are in the U.S. with him.

Respondent left Hungary November 21, 1956

Arrived in U.S. December 5, 1956

Since his arrival he has been only in Camp Killmer, Norwalk, Conn, and now in N.Y.C.

Respondent has ~~xxx~~ purchased on credit a small tin-smith shop here in N.Y. He plans to continue in business for himself.

Respondent has not been interviewed by any Western organization since leaving Hungary.

Respondent speaks only Hungarian with some little English he has learned since his arrival here.

Active participation in the revolution.

Character description

Respondent is a very pleasant and likable person. He is of medium height, muscular, good-looking, neat in appearance and fairly intelligent. Extremely patriotic. A close personal description of respondent and his family can be found in Michener's "Bridge at Andau" pages 183 on.