

Interviewer: M. Ivansco
Date: September 21, 22, 1957
Place: N.Y.

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

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Age: 44

Male

Married 1942, divorced 1947. Remarried in N.Y.C. after his arrival in the U.S.

Roman Catholic

Born in Budapest, but a German citizen after his father.

Spent most of his life in Hungary in Budapest, third district.

At the outbreak of the revolution respondent resided in the third district in Budapest.

Was never abroad except during World War II. Fought on the Eastern front in the Soviet Union.

As a German citizen respondent was a member of the German --
-- during the war. He did not volunteer for service, he was drafted for it.

Respondent's education consists of six grades of elementary school, and three years of industrial school. He also attended public lectures at the University of Budapest in philosophy, chemistry, and mathematics.

In 1928 respondent became an apprentice. He became a --
in 1931. Until the outbreak of World War II, he worked in a small hat factory in Budapest.

After his return from prisoners of war/camps in the Soviet Union respondent again worked for a small hat factory in Budapest from 1947 to 1950, at the time of its nationalization. Respondent automatically became an employee of the nationalized hat industry in Hungary.

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Respondent's parents are living. They are _____ and are now living in the 3rd. district of Budapest.

Respondent has one divorced sister aged 46 living in Budapest.

No children.

Left Hungary December 10, 1955

Arrived in US February 15, 1957

Since his arrival in the US respondent has been only in New York City.

Respondent is unable to find employment in his own profession as the garment workers trade union is unwilling to accept him as a member. He has found employment in a small N.Y. textile factory, and is satisfied with his work.

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

Respondent reads and writes Hungarian and German. Since his arrival in the US he has picked up some English.

Respondent did not take an active part in the demonstrations or fighting.

Respondent is a 44 year old Stakhanovite worker. He is about 5'6", neat in appearance, pleasant mannered, very talkative, not very intelligent. He is a very likable person, appears to be very diligent, and, although he realizes that he is now being underpaid, he is satisfied with his life here in the U.S.