

CHILD INTERVIEW
Date: September 26, 1957
Interviewer: Maria Podhorsky

I. Character Description:

A tiny wisp of a girl, pretty, dressed like a fairy. Moves beautifully, and uses her arms and well-shaped hands expressively when talking or explaining. She loves dancing and without having studied yet, she makes up her own dances to radio music. Her ambition therefore, of course, is to become a dancer, and she ~~hopes~~ hopes that her parents will soon be able to afford to send her to ballet school.

She is very serious, and since her earliest childhood she had to assume a great many duties and responsibilities at home, caring for her younger brother and sister, etc. She does the same here in the States as both parents are working.

Her attitude is that of a normal ten-year-old child who, nevertheless, in many ways is much more mature and knows about more things than an American kid of the same background would.

II. Personal Inventory

Age: 8 years

Sex: Female

Religion: Roman Catholic

Respondent lived in Budapest, Hungary all her life. She attended the public grade school in Budapest, has finished the 1st grade and started her 2nd grade in September, 1956. She was admitted to the 2nd grade in the U.S. immediately upon arrival, and has now started the 3rd grade.

Both parents are here with her in the U.S. The grandparents, however, remained at home. Respondent has a younger sister who is 6 years old and a younger brother who is 3 years old.

The kid attends Public School #38 in the Bronx. They also live in the Bronx where they have a 5 room apartment. Her father works at present at the Woodside Cemetery as a gardener and mother is a restaurant worker in the city.

The little girl very proudly told me that she attends to the kids since the mother works till 2:00 o'clock A.M. at night.