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HUNGARY

RE-EMIGRANTS (2700 -- 812.5%)

THE REPATRIATION OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES FROM FRANCE

Survey for May 1961

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General Movement

Since 8 November 1956, France has received 13,400 Hungarian refugees, out of which total almost 9,000 decided to remain in the country. Some 3,500 of them reemigrated to Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Australia, etc. More than 1,700 returned to Hungary, but almost the same number of Hungarians have come to France from the other West European countries. There exists a number of refugees whose whereabouts are not traceable due to changed addresses, illegal trespassing of frontiers, vagabondage and failure to keep contact with the French authorities or Hungarian circles.

It should be noted that there are Hungarians who try to return to Hungary illegally, without notifying the French authorities or the Hungarian legation in PARIS. It is a fact that most Hungarians who leave France illegally go to Germany in most cases hoping for better work conditions.

The Situation on 1 June 1961

Some 8,231 (91.45 per cent) out of the 9,000 refugees have regularized their situation by asking for the "Carte Blanche" from the French Office for Refugee Protection. Some 19 new cards were issued during May.

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Repatriation Statistics for May 1961

Some 11 Hungarian refugees returned from France to Hungary in May. According to official French figures, the total of repatriates until 1 June 1961 amounts to 1,771 persons.

These 1,771 repatriates represent 13.21 per cent of the 13,400 refugees who came to France, and 19.67 per cent of the 9,000 who settled in French Territory.

The May repatriates represent 0.07 per cent of the 13,400 refugees and 0.12 per cent of the 9,000 settled. Finally, they represent 0.62 per cent of the 1,771 repatriates.

Two out of the May repatriates were born after 1942. Some nine adults repatriated in May.

Among the May repatriates were four women.

Nine out of the May repatriates had been registered by the French Office for Refugee Protection.

The May repatriates could be divided as to their age according to the following:

Born before	1900	0
Born between	1900 and 1909	1
Born between	1910 and 1919	2
Born between	1920 and 1929	3
Born between	1930 and 1934	2
Born between	1935 and 1942	1
Born after	1942 (minors)	2

Among the May repatriates was one family of four members.

The May repatriates could be divided as to their professions according to the following:

unqualified workers	2
specialized workers	2
qualified workers	0
peasants	0
artisans	2
office workers	1
intellectuals	1
artists	0

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commercial people	0
without profession	3

Some two out of the 11 repatriates were originated from the countryside, four from the greater towns, and five of them were from BUDAPEST.

The number of 11 repatriates shows a slight increase on the April number of eight.

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