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THE REPATRIATION OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES FROM FRANCE

(Survey for January 1962)

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General Movement

Since 5 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 1,800 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 in 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 February 1962

Some 8,320 (92.44 per cent) of the 9,000 refugees have regularized their situation by asking for the "Carte Blanche"

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from the French Office for Refugee Protection. Some nine new cards were issued during January.

Repatriation Statistics for January 1962

Some 13 Hungarian refugees returned from France to Hungary in January. According to official French figures, the total of repatriates up to 1 February 1962 amounts to 1,850 persons.

These 1,850 repatriates represent 13.80 per cent of the 13,400 refugees who came to France, and 20.71 per cent of the 9,000 who settled on French territory.

The January repatriates represent 0.10 per cent of the 13,400 refugees and 0.14 per cent of the 9,000 who settled. Finally, they represent 0.70 per cent of the 1,850 repatriates.

Two of the January repatriates were born after 1943. Some 11 adults have been repatriated in January.

Among the January repatriates were four women.

All 13 of the December repatriates had been registered by the French Office for Refugee Protection. This number is superior to the nine refugees who asked for the "Carte Blanche" during January.

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

Born before 1900	1
Born between 1900 and 1909	2
Born between 1910 and 1919	3
Born between 1920 and 1929	3
Born between 1930 and 1934	1
Born between 1935 and 1942	1
Born after 1943 (minors)	2

Among the January repatriates was one family of four members.

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

Unqualified workers	2
Specialized "	2
Qualified "	2
Peasants	0
Artisans	1
Office workers	1
Intellectuals	1
Artists	0
Commercial people	1
Without profession	3

Four out of the 13 repatriates originated from the countryside, five from the larger towns, and four were from BUDAPEST.

The number of 13 repatriates shows a small increase on the December number of 12.

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