

H - SALISBURY ON INTEGRATION INTO US

new york, march 24 - n. y. times offers page-long feature by harrison salisbury on largely-successful integration of hungarian refugees into american life (excerpts follow, full story mailed):

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just under 30,000 hungarian refugees have reached the united states since the first plane loads touched down on mcguire air force base in new jersey last nov. 21.

a handful--twelve at last count--have been returned to hungary as possible communist agents. a score or more have gone back of their own volition.

the rest are buckling down to the task of starting life

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how well are they doing?

there are a thousand facets to the story.

there is the serious brown-eyed teen-ager who says, +ive always been afraid of america. it is so big.+ and there is the refugee who returned to camp kilmer after a month to see how he could assist because +im doing so well i want to help out too.+

there are success stories and failures:

the story is not all hearts and flowers and streets paved with gold.

but in the realistic appraisal of top social workers there has never been a more successful mass migration in american history.

+look at it this way,+ said hugh mcloone. ^{IF YOU MOVED} ~~+30,000-~~ 30,000 americans to california there would be more personal problems than these people have developed. you would have the people who took to whisky and those who complained. we have our problems, too, but fewer than anyone expected.+

mr. mcloone is the chief of the national catholic welfare conference refugee center at camp kilmer.

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among 17,000 hungarian refugees have passed through his
offices at camp kilmer.

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mr. mcloones opinion is supported by that of other social
agencies -- the church world service, the jewish united
service, the lutheran refugee service, the international rescue
committee and the tolstoy foundation.

dispersion of the refugees, in general, follows a dot map of
the u.s. population with bulges for existing centers of hungarian
settlement. there have been some oddities.

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VIENNA: ARCHITECT KALMAN MAKRANCZY IS LEAVING VIENNA TODAY AS THE THIRTY-THOUSANDTH HUNGARIAN REFUGEE TO BE RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER REVOLUTION.

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ACCOMPANYING THE THIRTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD ARCHITECT WILL BE HIS ENTIRE FAMILY--HIS WIFE, JUSTINA, AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN FOR MAKRANCZY, THE TRIP WILL BE A CLIMAX TO A LIFE OF DEPRIVATION AND HARDSHIP UNDER THE COMMUNISTS WHO ONCE PUT HIM IN A DEATH CELL. THIS WAS BACK IN 1953 WHEN A COMMUNIST COURT SENTENCED HIM TO DEATH ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE. AFTER THAT, THERE WAS NO NEWS FROM HIS FAMILY AND HEABANDONED HOPE OF EVER SEEING THEM AGAIN.

BUT WITH THE DEATH OF SOVIET DICTATOR STALIN, HIS SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED TO FIFTEEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT. AND IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, HE WAS PARDONED.

THE ARCHITECT LEARNED THAT HIS FAMILY HAD SUFFERED DURING HIS IMPRISONMENT. HIS WIFE WAS UNABLE TO FIND STEADY EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE HELP OF FRIENDS AND BY OCCASIONAL WORK WASHING DISHES AND CLEANING APARTMENTS, SHE MANAGED TO HOLD THE FAMILY TOGETHER.

SHORTLY AFTER MAKRANCZY'S PARDON, THE REVOLUTION BEGAN--ON OCTOBER TWENTY-THIRD. LATE IN NOVEMBER WHEN IT WAS APPARENT TO HIM THAT SOVIET INTERVENTION HAD DOOMED THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, MAKRANCZY DECIDED TO ESCAPE WITH HIS FAMILY. EARLIER, HE HAD SENT HIS ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, ANDREA, TO AUSTRIA WITH A FRIEND.

ON THEIR FIRST TRY TO CROSS INTO AUSTRIA, THE FAMILY WAS APPREHENDED AND HELD FOR SOME TIME. AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED HUNGARIAN PEASANTS HARBORED THEM UNTIL THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE.

THERE WAS STILL A PROBLEM. THEY COULD NOT LOCATE ANDREA. THE RED CROSS FINALLY FOUND HER IN ITALY WITH A REFUGEE GROUP. TWO WEEKS AGO, ANDREA REJOINED HER PARENTS IN VIENNA.

MAKRANCZY HAS A BROTHER-IN-LAW IN THE U.S. WEST COAST STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE SAYS HE IS WILLING TO DO ANY KIND OF WORK TO EARN A LIVING. HIS ONLY DESIRE IS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY, FREE OF THE TERROR HE HAS KNOWN.

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five planes bring 310 more hungarian refugees to usa,

camp kilmer:

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another 310 hungarian refugees arrivals in the united states were counted today after five planes of the freedom airlift arrived over the weekend, bringing to nearly 30,000 the number of hungarians who have reached this country since nov 21.

the newest arrivals today, numbering 149 disembarked from the 315th and 316th planes of the airlift and raised to 29,640 the aggregate number of escapees from hungary now in the united states.

during the 24 hour period ending at 1300 gmt today, another 80 percent left camp kilmer for new homes. since the beginning of the resettlement program late last year, 28,426 hungarians have found new abodes in america.

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