the state and justice departments, which both have a hand in the admission of refugees to the United States have now reached agreement on continuing the parole program on a reduced scale for Hungarians still stranded in Europe. (OK/PAO)

Of the 150,000 men, women and children who fled Hungary as a result of the Russian invasion, only about one-fifth have thus far been granted asylum in this country. Considering their relative resources, other nations of the free world have done much better than we have. In fact, the difficulties blocking the way of many would-be emigrants from Hungary to the United States have undermined seriously whatever reputation we have left in Europe as a refuge for those brave souls who would rather run the risks of fleeing Soviet imperialism than live under it. Great bitterness has been caused by the fact that in the first outburst of popular indignation over Soviet Russian suppression of the Hungarian revolution the United States seemed to throw open wide its doors—only to close them again even to near relatives of persons who did succeed in gaining this safe haven.
the new program just announced will take care for the first
time of some of the hungarians who fled to other countries than
austria in the ultimate hope of reaching the united states.
and will also apply to some who are still in austrian camps.
one estimate of the number affected is 3,000, which is not very
many but still better than nothing. they will include close
relatives of refugees already here and persons with certain
specialized skills and talents. they will be welcome both for
themselves and for what they represent.

however, the continuation of this +parole+ program does not
remove the basic problem presented by our highly restrictionist
mccarran-walter law. nor does it have any effect whatsoever
on the fate of many other non-hungarian refugees who seek and
deserve admission to the united states—some who have languished
as exiles from iron curtain countries for many years, and others
who are victims of the recent savage ...
that followed the anglo-french-israeli invasion. the adminis-
tration and congress have a heavy responsibility to take permanent
and effective steps in this respect that would bring american
action into conformity with american ideals.