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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 rusgian 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 russia's 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.



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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. It 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. B10

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~~ WHO ARE VICTIMS OF ~~the recent savage~~ the recent savage ...

that followed the anglo-french-israeli invasion. the administration 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. 116