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OPERATION "SAFE HAVEN" ✓
MUNICH, December 14 (AP) - MUNICH - The United States air-
lift of Hungarian refugees from Munich from civilian airport
got under full swing yesterday with eight aircraft due to
depart before midnight carrying a total of 457 refugees.

Ambassador James B. Conant flew to Munich from Bonn to
witness the departure of the first aircraft at noon and to
wish the 66 refugees aboard God Speed and a safe trip fol-
lowed by happy settlement in new homes and jobs in America.
Officials of the Federal Republic foreign office and refugee
ministry, American diplomatic and airforce and military of-
ficers were on hand to watch the departure of today's first
plane.

"The recent acts of Soviet aggression in Hungary has
shocked the conscience of the entire world" Conant told the
departing refugees. "From many lands and many peoples have
come offers of assistance. We desire to do all within our power
to alleviate the misery created by this new evidence of Soviet
brutality. As one indication of this desire the United States
and other freedom loving countries are assisting the refugees
that have poured across the Austrian border to find refuge in
safe havens.

The Ambassador recalled that President Eisenhower had
vigorously condemned the outbreak of oppression in Hungary
and taken quick steps to aid those who had escaped from Soviet
terror. The air lift of some 9,500 refugees by the Military
Air Transport Service and a sea transport of about 5,600
others under project "Safe Haven" is part of this aid. Addi-
tionally, six thousand other refugees, Conant noted, are go-
ing to America under the auspices of the Intergovernmental
Committee for European Emigration. The United States is receiv-
ing 21,500 Hungarian refugees.

Referring to the tragedy which has occurred in Hungary,
Ambassador Conant declared: "We have long known that the

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Communist Regime installed by the Soviets in Eastern Europe after world war two were regimens bent on suppressing freedom. But what occurred in the first days of November when the Soviet forces moved in with tanks and troops to attempt to snuff out a spontaneous uprising of a whole nation was an action of Soviet aggression that has shocked the conscience of the entire world.

The Ambassador noted that the United States Air Force, which operated the Berlin airlift for ten months in 1948 and 1949, "is once again carrying out a human task of great importance here in Germany. Before the end of this year approximately ten thousand men, women and children fleeing from Soviet brutality will be flown to the United States. These Hungarian refugees are now being housed in quarters built by the United States Army in Salzburg and vacated when the American troops left Austria. By bus and train these destitute and homeless individuals are being brought to Munich where they are given temporary accommodations by the United States Army's NATO forces and as soon as possible flown to the United States."

Conant noted that after arrival in the United States at McGuire airforce base the refugees are again being cared for temporarily in the Army's camp Kilmer, New Jersey. All, he noted, have been given assurances of homes and jobs in the United States.

Praising the air force, navy and army units who have organized the air and sea lift, Ambassador Conant added: "I want also to express my appreciation personally and on behalf of my Government for the fine cooperation we have received from the German Government and the Bavarian authorities.

In behalf of the 66 refugees who clustered around Conant and other officials beside the giant air force C-121 Constellation aircraft Mr. Leone Golzak, of Budapest thanked the Ambassador. She said she wanted "to thank everybody with all my heart for the kind treatment we have received since .

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reaching the free world. It is wonderful to be going to America
and to be in the free world where we can live in real freedom
from fear and anxiety.

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Mrs. Golzak held her two year old daughter, Enebet her
husband, Tamas a Budapest worker who participated in the
freedom fight, stood by her side.

Brigadier General George Dany, task force commander, an-
nounced that with the completion of today's schedule the first
one thousand Hungarian refugees will have taken off for the
United States. The operation will continue at the rate of about
five hundred a day. Today the first Navy aircraft, an R-6D
Douglas transport similar to an Army C-118, joined the opera-
tion as part of the MATS command. Several chartered civilian
airplanes, also under MATS direction, also joined the opera-
tions.

After watching the take-off the first plane, Ambassador
Conant visited the Luitpold Kaserne in Munich where the army
is providing housing facilities and feeding for refugees while
they await plane take-off time. Films and publications are
being provided for recreation by the United States Information
Service and the American and German Red Cross are providing
volunteer interpreters, games and child care aid.

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OLYMPIC ATHLETES WHO CAME FOR THE FIRST TIME TO HUNGARY FROM AFRICA
A YEAR AGO IS SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 4 Y & IN SAN FRANCISCO.

GEORGE CHRYSTOWNER, THE CITY'S MAYOR, PROCLAIMED DECEMBER 4 AS
THE HUNGARIAN OLYMPIC DAY TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST AMERICAN
OF THE FOUNDING IN MELBOURNE OF THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC
TEAM WHICH THIS CONSISTED OF 21 MEMBERS OF THE HUNGARIAN OLYMPIC
TEAM.

THIRTY-EIGHT OLYMPIANS ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY DEPART AFTER-
WARDS TO LAUNCH A TOUR THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE THEN, THE MAJORITY
HAVE SETTLED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY - PURSUING THEIR INDIVIDUAL
OCCUPATIONS, CONTINUING UNIVERSITY STUDIES AND SAVING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FURTHER REESTABLISHMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

IN THEIR FREE TIME, HOWEVER, THEY ALL ENGAGE IN THEIR SPORTS
ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL SPORTS
FEDERATION, SEVEN OF THE ORIGINAL 21 OLYMPIC REPRESENTS HAVE SINCE
CHOSEN TO RETURN BACK TO HUNGARY.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, THEY WILL DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE AS TEAM
MEMBERS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC UNION
OF AMERICA, THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND BECOME CHAMPIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY CAN NOT, HOWEVER,
REPRESENT THE COUNTRY IN INTERNATIONAL MEETS BEFORE THEY BECOME
U.S. CITIZENS.

THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION IN THE FREE WORLD WAS
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- 1/ UNIFICATION OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEE SPORTSMEN,
- 2/ ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE HUNGARIAN SPORTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS:

3/ SECURING OF SPORTS AND TRAINING POSSIBILITIES FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

4/ PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

5/ ESTABLISHMENT OF CONNECTIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

6/ SECURING JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF STUDY FOR HUNGARIAN SPORTSMEN

NOTES:

AMONG THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEES PRESENTLY ARE 19 OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS AND 10 WORLD CHAMPIONS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS REPRESENTATIVES IN 15 COUNTRIES ON FOUR CONTINENTS, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. (SEE P. 148-2)

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New York Nov. 20 - Mr. Curza reports from Bratislava (Comm.)
in East, N.Y. Times.

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Jane Curza, 35 years old, is a patron in a supermarket. She is also a Hungarian refugee who came to this country eleven months ago. Saturday night Mr. Curza is giving a traditional Hungarian pork supper in a church hall here to some 150 of his new-found friends and neighbors. He wants to express his gratitude for their kindness to him.

and also, he confided today in halting English, "because I am so happy to be here in this country."

It will cost Mr. Curza several hundred hard-earned dollars to provide the party. Tickets are being sold at 2 for adults and 1 for children, but the proceeds are to be given to projects sponsored by the North Avenue and Fairfield Hungarian Evangelical and Reformed churches.

Mr. Curza is a member of the North Avenue church. Much of his gratitude is owed to its pastor, the Rev. Stephen M. Boszormenyi-Beszeber. Mr. Beszeber, as he prefers to be known, is president of the Magyar Synod, which embraces eleven states.

The minister arranged for Mr. Curza's passage here shortly after the Hungarian revolt last fall. The butcher fought in the uprising, a matter he had been a prisoner of the Russians in a Siberian labor camp.

His 13-year-old son is in Hungary, and Mr. Curza is trying to bring him home. His wife remarked after the Russians had reported erroneously that her husband had died in Siberia.

The dinner party will be held in the parish hall of the Fairfield church because there are no facilities for the affair in Mr. Curza's own church.

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The Rev. Alexander Agnew, pastor of the Fairfield Church
recalled that Mr. Burton had done so his several weeks ago,
introduced himself and said he wanted to surprise Mr. Edgerton
and other friends.

He asked me if he could use our hall, Mr. Babes explained,
he told me what he had in mind, and I was so moved that I agreed
at once to help him all I could.

tomorrow night's menu will include a loin pork chop for each
diner, there will be beef soup and a variety of breads cooked
old-country style in a brick oven. dessert will be autumnal
a pastry made of flaky dough folded over poppy seeds.

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