Hungarian refugees in Italy have been provided with a weekly newspaper in Hungarian by the publishers of several Rome journals and the Italian Association for Cultural Freedom.

The first edition of the six-page tabloid appeared Tuesday (January 15) and was distributed to some 3,000 refugees in a dozen Italian refugee camps.

The venture - first of its kind in Italy - is directed by writer Ignazio Silone and the cost of publication and distribution is shared by the association; three Rome dailies, La Giustizia, Il Messaggero, and La Voce Repubblicana and the magazines Europa Libera and Tempo Present.

The first newspaper to be edited exclusively for Hungarian refugees appeared in Switzerland in December. Other refugee papers are being planned in France, Austria, West Germany and Great Britain.

Using the name Olaszorszagi Magyar Ujsag (meaning Italy's Hungarian Journal) the newspaper is run by a staff of two editors and several part-time translators. Pressmen in Rome have agreed to give their time freely for the enterprise.

Mr. Silone announced that the purpose of the paper is to...
provide refugees with unbiased information on international and Hungarian affairs and on how to get along in Italy. A special course in the Italian language will appear in each issue, he said.

The paper, distributed without charge, will carry no advertising, Mr. Silone added. Changes in format and features will be made as the refugees request them, he said.

Editor-in-chief is Italo Detudo, who quit his post as editor-in-chief of the Communist-sympathizing Il Paese after the events in Hungary.

Headquarters are located in the offices of the Italian Association, an affiliate of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, at 75, Piazza Accademia di San Luca.