1. Brussels: The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has warned of a communist propaganda campaign to prevent Hungarian refugees from working in their countries of asylum and to lure them back behind the iron curtain.

2. Accordingly, the ICFTU urged the free nations to protect the refugees against communist trickery and propaganda by supplying them with true facts in the Hungarian language.

3. The ICFTU, which represents more than 50 million free world workers, referred to a Prague meeting this month of the communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions, which was attended only by communists and which came up with the following statement: "The trade unions must make greater efforts in order to organize the return to their homes of thousands of Hungarian children who have left Hungary and are being searched for with anxiety by their families." The statement also referred to the alleged use of refugees by free world factory owners "as a weapon in the fight against the working class of Hungary."

4. In a pointed refutation, the ICFTU said "the International Red Cross will certainly help unite children and parents, but it should work both ways." Therefore, the ICFTU declared, "children in Hungary whose parents are now in the free world should be permitted to join their parents, and parents in Hungary should be permitted to join their children outside Hungary if they so wish."

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5. As to the communist federation, the ICFTU recalled that "the WFTU never cared when millions of parents were deported and jailed by communist authorities, and their families left without any means of livelihood. Neither," it said, "did the WFTU do anything when thousands of Greek children were kidnapped and transferred to Soviet-controlled countries during the communist attack on Greece several years ago."

6. Referring to the WFTU allegations on exploitation of refugee labor, the ICFTU said: "We do not suggest that all those who are doing this dirty propaganda job should be treated in the same way as the communist regimes would deal with anybody doing a similar thing in countries ruled by them. The ICFTU did, however, call for appropriate measures by the free world to ensure that none of the Hungarian refugees are deceived.

7. Turning to the labor situation in Hungary itself, the ICFTU recalled that the so-called Hungarian trade unions promised a few weeks ago that elections would be held for a new union leadership. "These elections," it noted, "have now been postponed because the communists are well aware that the workers of Hungary would not elect even one communist."

8. The ICFTU said in conclusion: "The activity of the so-called trade unions in Hungary remains the same, that is, to help the state keep the workers under control and exploit them to the utmost. They will not, just as they did not in the past, defend the interests of the workers."

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1. GENEVA: The Austrian government pointed out last night that the repressive measures recently announced by the Hungarian communist regime may lead to an increased flow of refugees into Austria. The statement was contained in a message from Austrian minister of the interior Oskar Helmer to the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, which began a special executive committee session in Geneva yesterday.

2. Helmer stressed in his cable that despite the movement of 95,000 Hungarians from Austria to other countries of asylum, the figure of 70,000 of those still in Austria has remained stable since the end of November because of the continuing flight of thousands of Hungarians from Soviet oppression.

3. The Austrian official said that the problem has threatened to strain the resources of his country, and he called for a stepped-up pace in the movement of Hungarian refugees to other countries. He appealed to the 27 member states of the migration committee to make renewed efforts to take as many as possible.

4. ICEM director Harold Tittmann said as the Geneva meeting opened that the special session was convened "to consider the migration committee's further action in 1957 with regard to the movement of Hungarian refugees from Austria and from other countries of temporary asylum in Europe."

5. The ICEM executive committee, under chairman Eric Baron van Boetselaer of the Netherlands foreign ministry, includes representatives of Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Italy, West Germany and the United States.
1. Vienna: Austrian authorities have announced that as of yesterday more than 166,200 Hungarians have reached freedom in Austria. Of this number, more than 96,200 have now been transported to other European or overseas countries.

2. Officials of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, meanwhile, disclosed in Vienna that 506 Hungarian escapees left by train yesterday for the Netherlands, where they will live for the next few months before going to new, permanent homes in Canada. At the same time, 69 more Hungarians were flown directly from Vienna to Montreal. The movement of 2,000 Hungarians scheduled to go to Canada in the spring is being routed with a stop-over in Holland because of the difficulty of settling new arrivals under extreme Canadian winter weather conditions.

3. ICEM also announced that 80 Hungarians left Vienna yesterday for Oslo, Norway; that 144 left Vienna by train for England, and that 120 were moved from Salzburg to Munich to await air passage to the United States in the second phase of the "Safe Haven" airlift.

4. Today, 150 more Hungarians are scheduled to entrain for England, while 34 refugees are leaving by train for Genoa, where they will board a ship for the South American country of Venezuela.

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1. VIENNA: The one-thousandth freight car load of relief supplies for Hungarian refugees in Austria and for the Hungarian people arrived yesterday in Vienna. Red Cross officials said it was one of the 128 railway cars from eight nations which reached the Vienna railway yards on Monday.

2. The shipments amounted to about one million two hundred fifty thousand kilograms of donations from west Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Spain and Britain. Included were food, clothing, shoes, bedding, coal and toys. The gifts will be distributed in Hungary by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and in Austria by the League of Red Cross Societies.

3. In addition, twelve air freighters loaded with medicines, books and clothing from Rio de Janeiro, New York, Boston, London and Frankfurt arrived in Vienna yesterday to add to the free world’s aid for the Hungarian people.

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