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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION

SUMMARY OF ICEM ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

VIENNA----- MOVEMENTS: For the fifth consecutive month Canada has lead the list of receiving countries in the number of Hungarian refugees who have left Austria for new homes in other parts of the world, the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration announced here today.

During the month of August 980 Hungarians were transported to Canada under ICEM auspices. On August 5th the "SS AScania" sailed from Le Havre with 767 Canada-bound Hungarians. The rest were flown, during the course of the month, to Montreal or Vancouver.

The country receiving the next largest groups of Hungarian refugees was the United States. 550 Hungarians flew to Idlewild Airport in New York on ICEM chartered planes. Among these 550 refugees were 156 who had escaped from Hungary into Yugoslavia. These 156 were the first to go to the US out of a group of 191 Hungarians accepted by the US Consulate in Yugoslavia. They were transported by ICEM from a refugee camp in Yugoslavia to Vienna.

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Altogether, during the month of August, a total of 1970 Hungarians left Austria with the assistance of ICEM for resettlement overseas, in other European countries and in Rhodesia.

Australia accepted 198 Hungarians most of whom sailed from Trieste aboard the "SS Begonia" on August 28th.

23 Hungarians flew to Rhodesia and 189 others sailed to seven Latin American countries. Brazil took 86, Venezuela 76, Colombia and Chile nine each, Argentina seven, and Paraguay and Uruguay one each.

61 Hungarians traveled by train to France and a special group of 23 young Hungarians left Linz by rail, on August 22nd, for Belgium under the 'Caritas Youth Scheme'. Seven other Hungarians traveled individually to Belgium.

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The United States still leads the list of 36 countries who have offered asylum to Hungarians who fled into Austria following last October's uprising. As of the end of this month 34,064 refugees have left Austria, with the assistance of ICEM, for the US. Second on the list is Canada with 24,103. The United Kingdom has accepted 20,566, Germany 11,699, Switzerland 10,357. Close to the 10,000 mark is France with 9,594.

Many Hungarians who accepted temporary asylum in other European countries have since had the chance to re-emigrate, again with the help of ICEM, to overseas countries. Canada, Australia and the US have already received several thousand of these Hungarians.

Other movements during the month of August included several groups of Yugoslav refugees and Austrian migrants. 400 Yugoslavs and Austrians joined the group of Hungarians sailing to Australia aboard the "SS Begonia" and 100 Yugoslavs sailed from Bremerhaven to Canada aboard the "SS Skaubryn" on August 29th. Eight Yugoslavs and Austrian migrants also departed for Rhodesia.

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EMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES

The Venezuelan Mission has been in Vienna since August 27th selecting Hungarian refugees who had previously registered at the ICEM office. Other emigration possibilities for Hungarian refugees are Australia, Brazil and Chile. Costa Rica has completed its final selection of 50 candidates and the first group is scheduled to depart for Costa Rica sometime in September on ICEM arranged transportation.

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HUNGARIAN SURVEY

The ICEM survey of all Hungarian refugees still in Austria, which was begun in July, continues throughout the country. About one half of the Hungarians living in camps have been registered and ex-rayed so far.

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In the entire month of August only two Hungarians have succeeded in crossing the border into Austria. The total number of Hungarians who have asked for asylum in Austria since last October is 171,367. Of this number 145,293 have been resettled in other parts of the free world.

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(H) 1. VIENNA: DURING THE last two weeks, a total of 1,254 Hungarian refugees and about 250 Yugoslav refugees left Austria for resettlement in other parts of the free world. This was announced yesterday by the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, which assisted in the resettlement arrangements.

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2. Canada received the majority of the Hungarians and all of the Yugoslavs, ICEM said. On August fifth, 767 Hungarians and 50 Yugoslavs sailed to new homes in Canada aboard the Ascania. In addition, 102 Hungarians flew to Canada and about 200 other Yugoslavs left Bremerhaven in two Canadian vessels.

3. Other movements during the period included two flights, on planes chartered by ICEM, carrying 179 Hungarian refugees to the United States. Another flight took 23 Hungarians to Rhodesia.

4. passenger ships carried 127 refugees to four Latin American nations--52 to Venezuela, 65 to Brazil, nine to Chile and one to Paraguay. Thirty Hungarians sailed from Genoa to Australia on August seventh aboard the Sydney.

5. ICEM announced in its Vienna report that it has scheduled the second half of ^{August} ~~last~~ for additional air and sea movements to overseas nations. Among them is ^{the} transport ship Begonia, which will sail from Trieste August 24th carrying more than 500 Hungarian and other migrants to new homes.

6. The total number of Hungarians entering Austria, as reported by Austrian authorities, is 171,365 since last October 28th. Of this number, 144,654 have left Austria for resettlement in 36 nations.

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vienna - august 5 - the intergovernmental committee for DNB
(USIS) european migration - icem - disclosed ^(SUNDAY) ~~today~~ that the number of
hungarians who have fled their homeland to 812,61 austria since the
october 1956 uprising now stands at 171,365 rpt 171,365 -
of that number, 143,247 have left austria for resettlement in
other parts of the world.

in its report on july activities icem announced that
2,234 rpt 2,234 hungarian refugees were transported, with icem
assistance, to other nations which have offered them asylum.
canada and australia received the largest groups of these.
on july 11, 569 sailed from austria for canada and air flights
took an additional 490. on july 17, 407 left salzburg for australia,
together with 147 yugoslav and austrian migrants.

while cooperation save haven, + the united states military
air lift, ended june 30 the flow of migrants to the united
states has not ceased by any means. an icem-chartered flight
left vienna on july 17 with 76 hungarians destined for new york.
flights almost daily have taken a total of 451 hungarians to
the united states.

during the month 90 other hungarians departed for latin
american homes in brazil, argentina, venezuela, colombia and
chile. thirty-one refugees left rotterdam july 13 for new
zealand and 23 more flew to rhodesia.

france will be the new home of 82 hungarians who were given
passage by rail. of that number, 13 were students awarded
scholarships to french universities by the ford foundation
of america.

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icems report also noted the opening of a new refugee center in saizburg, which icem turned over to the austrian gvt. the center, which can house 600 refugees, was built by icem with funds contributed by the u s government.

harold m tittman, oskar helmer, the austrian interior, and john rieger, the u s consul in saizburg, were among officials who took part in the opening ceremony.

at present, there are about 450 yugoslav refugees staying in the center while they are processed for emigration to australia - end item

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Several hundred more

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1. Vienna: ~~Several hundred more~~ Hungarian refugees left

Austria for resettlement in other free countries last week, (ICEM) the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration/announced over the weekend.

2. They included 180 going to the United States; 282 to Canada; 59 to France; 29 to Venezuela; 47 to Colombia; five to Paraguay; and 162 to Australia.

3. During the week ~~994 other~~ of Hungarians waiting in the Netherlands to go to Canada sailed for their new homes there. Of the original group of 2,000 Hungarians selected by the Canadian mission in Austria, only 152 are still in the Netherlands, waiting for transportation.

4. ICEM has plans to move ~~2,350~~ refugees to Australia, Canada, and Sweden this week. The Austrian group was composed of 1,300 persons; 1,000 were going to Canada, and 50 to Sweden.

5. A group of 493 Hungarians refugees from Yugoslavia arrived in Belgium last week. ~~They~~ They were the first group from Yugoslavia to be resettled under the ~~joint~~ ^{JOINT} auspices of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees and ICEM.

6. ~~The~~ The Austrian Interior Ministry reports that 24 Hungarians crossed the border in Austria in the past week, bringing the total number seeking asylum in Austria since last October to 171,296. Of this total, 131,900 have left ~~Germany~~ Austria for resettlement in other countries.