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FROM THE HUNGARIAN INTELLIGENCE AND EVALUATION SECTION

17 NOVEMBER 1956

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY

NOVEMBER 23 and 26, 1956.

(All from official Radio Moscow unless specified)

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NOVEMBER 23

- 0435 Hungarian newspapers discuss the kidnapping of Imre NAGY. (Radio SOVI MAD.)
 - 0600 The National Free Trade Union of Artisans demands a full guarantee of the artisans' economic and political rights.
 - 1000 Today's NEPEZMÉRLEK published the reply of Soviet writers to French writers in connection with the Hungarian revolution.
 - 1100 According to NEPEZMÉRLEK, so far 120 persons were released by the public prosecutor in BUDAPEST; 600 persons are still detained.
 - 1242 The Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed over a note to the Hungarian and Soviet Embassies in BUDAPEST concerning the case of Imre NAGY.
 - 1200 NEPEZMÉRLEK, the PCSU daily, urges the government to make a statement on the status of the workers' councils and on the case of Imre NAGY. (Radio NYON.)
 - 1300 Certain workers' councils in BUDAPEST publish appeals calling for strikes. According to the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council these appeals do not represent their standpoint. The BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council calls upon the workers to resume work and announces that it will continue negotiations with the government on November 26.
 - 1310 Radio MOSCOW attacks those Communists who at the beginning supported the revolution out of opportunism and who now wish to return to the policy of KHROUSHCHEV. (Radio of central Bureau.)
 - 1710 Representatives of BUDAPEST workers' councils and the government are holding discussions in the Parliament.
 - 1745 On November 25 the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council intends to discuss the case of Imre NAGY with the government.
 - 1900 The workers' council of the PCSU coalmines identify themselves with the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council and announce that they accept the latter's resolutions. (Radio PCSU.)
 - 2000 Report on negotiations between representatives of BUDAPEST workers' councils and the government.
- Speech by KADAR - The revolution started with just demands but degenerated into a counter-revolution
 - From October 30 Imre NAGY and his government covered the counter-revolutionary activities
 - Imre NAGY left for Romania at his own request.

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- Speech by APSC: - Since the revolution production stoppage caused a damage of five to six billion forint;
- Those who organize the strike must to overthrow the rule of the people;
- Many leaders of the workers' councils are counter-revolutionaries.

Lajos KOSZTOS criticized on behalf of the HUNGARIAN Central Workers' Council the decree on the workers' councils.
 Sander HALL, chairman of a workers' council, emphasized that the workers' councils are at present also political organs.
 Sándor BART, delegate of a workers' council, stated that there is no unity between the government and the people. He demanded that workers also should be admitted to the militia.

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NOVEMBER 26

- 1040 The workers' council of the miners of county Borsod proposed the forming of national miners' central work council.
/Radio county Borsod/
- 1100 The workers of Győr appeal to the peasants not to create a black market, and to sell food products to the workers at normal prices.
/Radio GYOR/
- 1110 Interview with two escapees who returned from Austria to GYOR, and appeal to listeners not to escape to the West.
/Radio GYOR/
- 1200 NEMES, special delegate of KISS, arrived in BUDAPEST.
- 1210 According to reports from Radio BUDAPEST, 40-50 per cent of the workers appeared at their place of work. Nevertheless, lack of power is preventing the resuming of production.
- 1344 The delegates of the Central Worker's Committee of BUDAPEST are negotiating with Antal APSC. The KADAR government drags out the negotiations to gain time. Appeal to soldiers not to re-join their units because they will be deported by the Russians. The Soviet government wants to deport 30,000 Hungarians to the Soviet Union for a period of ten years.

/Unknown Hungarian Radio Station/

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- 1400 The Workers' Council of county Borod resolved to do only maintenance work in the factories as the negotiations in BUDAPEST had not been successful.
/Radio county Borod/
- 1510 Report of the "Pravda" article of November 25, attacking Radio Free Europe.
- 1700 The first secretary of the executive committee of the Hungarian Workers Party in county Borod was relieved of his office, and also the president of the County council's executive committee.
The Workers' Councils of county Borod approved of the action of the Budapest Central Workers Committee.
/Radio NYIRENYASA/
- 1730 Radio GYON appeals to the Yugoslav Ambassador in BUDAPEST to communicate to TITO that counter-revolutionary forces did not commit atrocities in SOPRON, therefore TITO's reference to this in his PULA speech did not conform to the truth.
/Radio GYON/
- 1850 Leading article in the Party organ of the Chinese Communist Party on the international importance of Soviet-Polish negotiations.
- 2000 By 24 November 2,250 waggons of feedstuffs arrived from the Socialist countries to Hungary.
- 2005 Today we produced 15,000 tons of coal. /Normal daily production 80,000 tons/.
- 2050 The supply of basic food stuffs is sufficient. There is lack of clothing and foot-wear.
- 2055 The population of BUDAPEST had 1,000,000 pass-tickets.
- 2100 The broadcast of János KADAR;
-We liquidated the counter-revolution; the search for hiding counter-revolutionaries is in process;
-We have to stop the anarchic activities of the revolutionary councils;
-The People's Democracy means, to the workers, democracy, but to the counter-revolutionaries, dictatorship.

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- The strike is instigated in the background by the counter-revolution;
- There will be no personnel changes in the government until order is totally restored;
- Imre NAGY and his government committed an "unpardonable crime" against the Hungarian people for tolerating the counter-revolution and appealing for opposition against the Soviet troops.

2200 James KADAR was too busy to receive the Delegation of the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Committee. They were received instead by Antal LPSO. They are negotiating on the Imre NAGY case, the newspaper of the BUDAPEST workers' councils and on other demands.

End of November 26.