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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY

(All from Radio MOSCOW unless specified)

4 DECEMBER

- 0600 According to reports from the provinces 70 to 80 per cent of the sowing of the winter-corn has been done, yet only 30 to 40 per cent of the ploughing.
- 1000 According to NEPARIÁLT in the past years the trade unions did not represent the workers' interests. In their field the agents of October 23 brought a radical change and the new leaders of the trade unions together with the workers' councils fight for the interests of the workers.
- NEPARIÁLT attacks László SZIL, Director of the Institute of Labor-Movement, who, although compromising himself during the RÁKOSI era, refuses to resign.
- 1015 Gyula BÉTES, Major-General, President of the Military Council, gave an interview for NEPARIÁLT. He said that a plan for the re-organization of the new army is under way. It will be considerably smaller than that of the past.
- 1030 According to NEPARIÁLT the center of BUDAPEST is crowded with street vendors. The newspaper suggests that selling in the streets should be discontinued.
- 1030 Full text of the telegram sent by the Hungarian government to the Secretary General of the UN.
- 1400 According to a government decree pensions will again be paid out to those from whom it was illegally withdrawn in the past. The maximum amount is 400 forint per month.
- 1410 The Executive Committee of the BUDAPEST Council re-named the streets and squares in the capital bearing the name of STALIN.
- 1900 Lectures at the BUDAPEST Technical Highschool will be resumed on January 7 1957.
- 1930 Report on the December 3 evening session of UN in connection with the Hungarian question. The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs announced that Lavr BAIK and his companions received asylum in Russia.
- 1933 In BUDAPEST factories, production is still hindered by power shortage.
- 1940 During the past few days hoarding of bread started again because rumors had it that the bakers were going on strike.
- 2030 According to a government decree, signed by Ferenc BERNÉK, the revolutionary committees and their central organs will be dissolved immediately.
- This measure was necessary because the revolutionary committees hindered the work of official bodies.

- 1000 at 1200 hours on December 4 a group of several hundred women laid flowers in front of the war memorial. The orderly demonstration was not disturbed.
- 1200 Fresh leaflets were distributed in BUDAPEST which call upon the people to demonstrate on December 5.
- 1250 This afternoon representatives of Hungarian intellectuals discussed the setting up of art and press committees. Those present protested that certain provincial authorities intend to prevent provincial theaters from performing 'Bánk bán,' (Hungarian patriotic drama.)

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