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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY
 (All from official Radio BUDAPEST unless specified)

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20 DECEMBER

- 0600 In December 18 agronomists of machine stations held a national conference, at which the reduction of the staff of the machine stations was discussed. In all probability 2900 agronomists and 1200 technicians will lose their job.
- 1605 According to REPUBLIKAT on December 19 Ferenc KEZVAL, chief of the Ministry of Justice, reported on the situation. He announced that in future independent jurisdiction will be guaranteed. He also announced that political investigation sections will be organized within the police.
- REPUBLICAN attacks Miklos DOBOS, Deputy Minister of Health, because he served the KISSOTI regime, persecuted Communists after October 23, and is still in position.
- REPUBLIKAT demands that the government should extend the time limit of receiving duty free gift parcels until June 1, 1959.
- 1210 The government passed a resolution on the setting up of an information bureau which will provide the press with information and issue newspaper licenses. The government also proposes to set up a consultative body composed of newspaper experts.
- 1530 The FES Nitrogen Works and the FESFO factories are sending workers to the VASALOTA coalmines.
- 1525 Several thousand workers from the uranium mines around FES are directed to coalmines. Only maintenance work is carried out in the uranium mines.
- 1710 In the GOSZKES Furniture Factory the number of administrative staff has been reduced to half.
- 1730 In the villages round STOR the peasants refuse to pay tax. In some places even the income tax forms have been burnt. (Radio STOR.)
- 1735 The majority of farmers' cooperatives in county Barad have been liquidated. Here too the peasants refuse to pay tax. (Radio Barad.)
- 2340 In the DOROS mines the larger part of the coal picked is taken home by the miners.
- 1945 This morning the workers' councils of the eight largest DOLLO factories held a meeting. They proposed that unemployed workers should be engaged by the mining and building industry and in public works.
- 2000 Two MUDAFEST universities sent an appeal to all Hungarian university students demanding them not to escape to the West as the cause for which they fought is not yet lost. (Radio BUDAPEST.)

- 2005 The government appointed commissioners at the head of SOVIET transport and Hungarian shipping.
- 2007 The President refused the amnesty plea of two persons condemned to death. They have been executed. The death sentence of three condemned persons has been changed to life-long imprisonment.
- 2010 On December 15 14,700 tons of coal was produced in the whole country. (Radio HUNGARY.)
- 2014 Today's issue of NEPELAPIS attacks KFE and EKO. (Radio HUNGARY.)
- 2400 The KROKOPET martial court sentenced two persons to 14 and 15 years' imprisonment respectively for unlawful possession of arms. (Pal BILIS, sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, was a political officer in the army.)