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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY

(All from Official Radio BROADCAST unless specified)

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14 DECEMBER

- 0430 On December 11 the strike was general in BUDAPEST. Strikes took place in DEBRECEN, SZEGED, FERENCVARS, VESZPREM, SZOLNOK and GYOR. Demonstrations were made in DEBEC and MISKOLC. (Radio NOVI SAD.)
- 1000 During the fights, out of 236 chemist's shops in BUDAPEST four were destroyed and 29 damaged.
- 1015 According to HUPARASZT some of the pits in the PECH mines are not safe because no maintenance work was carried out in November.
- 1130 According to a radio commentary almost all the soldiers of the SZOMBATHELY headquarters escaped to the West. (Radio SZOMBATHELY)
- 1230 The strike in PECH is general. Production stoppages so far involve a loss of approximately 18 billion forint. (Radio PECH.)
- 1300 So far the trade unions paid 76 million forint aid to those who suffered during the revolution.
- 1400 The SZEGEDVARS workers' council suggests to high-school students to go to class but not to answer questions at classes. (Radio SZEGEDVARS.)
- 1530 Several factories asked for coal from the KOSKO and PECH mines. The answer they received was that they should come and produce coal themselves. (Radio PECH.)
- 1835 In SARTAR the shops closed down because they were forced to do so by armed groups. (Radio SZOMBATHELY.)
- 1900 Report on how the population obstructed street-car traffic in BUDAPEST.
- 2005 According to a decree issued by the President, if a person is found guilty under the martial law he will be sentenced to death.
- 2030 The BUDAPEST police headquarters issued a communique according to which Leader KACS and Leader HALLI, former president and member respectively of the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council, were arrested. They are accused of organizing strikes, illegal activities and contacts with IFE.
- 2300 More than 80 per cent of the workers are on strike. (Radio NOVI SAD.)

13 DECEMBER

- 0600 NEPLAF, the daily organ of county Babes, called upon old Communist leaders to resume county administration. The population protested against this.
- 0630 at the 28 session 35 votes condemned the Soviet Union for interfering with the Hungarian affairs.
- According to Gabor ALTMAN, due to the arrest of two leaders of the HUNGARIST Central Workers' Council the workers intend to continue the strike on Thursday. Fights took place in BHEW, manifestations in MIBOLD and KOSCHMART. (Radio NOV1 SID.)
- 0700 According to the lead article of NEPTISZEMES, if coal production does not increase considerably the majority of factories will have to close down.
- 1100 The SIKONATHELY Dairy closed down because the police arrested three of its workers for distributing leaflets. (Radio SIKONATHELY.)
- 1500 The coal supply of several provincial factories will last for another ten days. Numerous plants closed down already owing to power shortage.
- 1530 During the past few weeks workers' councils were set up in organizations where an industrial productive work is carried out. The radio calls upon these workers' councils to suspend their functions immediately.
- 1700 The government issued a regulation on the paying out of December wages.
- 1715 According to radio reports approximately 40 to 50 per cent of the workers resumed work.
- 1730 The president of the Free Trade Union of Miners called upon pensioned miners to take up work in the mines again.
- 1800 Radio KOSCHMART reported that the workers of the SIKONATHELY factories are not on strike. Radio FECS contradicted this. (Radio FECS.)
- 1830 Report on the aims and organization of EPOSI (National Federation of the Unified Peasant Youth). It will safeguard the interests of peasant youth. So far several hundred regional EPOSI organizations were set up.
- 1930 The EPOSI realises produce 10 per cent of their normal output. It is to be feared that due to lack of maintenance work the mines will be inundated. Half of the SOBOS miners gave up mining.
- 1945 41 per cent of the miners employed by the FECS Mining Trust gave up mining. Out of the 53 FECS pits only 23 can be used for picking. The situation in the KOMLO mine is similar.
- 2000 Telegram writers protested against the deportation of Gyorgy IREACK. (Radio NOV1 SID.)
- 2005 According to NEPFAREMT, Balazs SANTS, nerve specialist, who was rehabilitated in summer 1956, died.

2005 The factories in BUDAPEST 13, again went on strike because of the arrest of the two members of the BUDAPEST Central Workers' Council.

Jane SZENTHEI, Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, returned to Hungary from NEW YORK. (Radio BUDA 122.)

2220 The government called upon miners to resume work all over the country. It stated in the appeal that coal shortage has reached such great proportions that it will be necessary to introduce further power cuts. This means that several factories will have to close down and several thousand workers will become unemployed.

2250 According to a government resolution the following days will be paid holidays: January 1, Easter Monday, April 9, May 1, August 20 and both Christmas days.

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