

# Correspondent's Diary Gives Account Of Hungary's Bitter Fight With Russia

**Editor's Note:** United Press staff correspondent Anthony Cavendish, stranded in Hungary when the border was closed by Soviet troops, has written this diary, which begins one week before the surprise Soviet intervention.

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Sunday, Oct. 28—Got aboard Polish Red Cross plane in Warsaw, flew to Kiskunhalaz air- port 30 miles from Budapest. Hungarian revolt four days old and outcome undecided. Drove into town past Soviet tanks and armored cars evacuating Soviet dead. Soviet troops bitter, tough, tired and dirty.

Monday—Went to within 300 yards of battle at Kilian Bar- racks. Soviet T34 tanks firing point-blank at barracks and saw at least five burned-out tanks in Ring st. No way to get out my story by telephone or cable but talked Hungarian Foreign Ministry into transmitting first direct account of battle.

Tuesday—Drove to Vienna for food, cash and another car. Battle still touch and go. Passed one Soviet checkpoint, but no trouble.

Wednesday—Returned to Bu- dapest after one night in free world. Rebels appeared to have won the day. Saw no Soviet

troops on return trip. Every- where U. S. flag on car acclaim- ed and was stopped in Gyoeer by workers who wanted to shake hands.

Thursday—Met Cardinal Mindszenty, Roman Catholic primate of Hungary. Received me in his small study and told of his imprisonment and his ideas for future of Hungary. Said he hoped for a Christian Demo- cratic movement "on the lines of (West German Chancellor Kon- rad) Adenauer's." Also met Col. Paul Maleter, hero of Kilian Bar- racks battle who became defense minister. Worst of battle seemed over.

Friday—Maleter told of talks with Russians for evacuation of Soviet troops. Spent two hours with Deputy Premier Zoltan Til- dy, who said help from the West was needed for freedom of Hun- gary. Said Soviet sending in col- ossal troop reinforcements. Had no trouble moving around Buda- pest.

Saturday—Gen. Istvan Kov- acs said he and Maleter negoti- ated with four Soviet generals and they agreed to complete with- drawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. Said new meeting scheduled for 2200 to work out details. Seemed as if rebels were now victorious.

Sunday, Nov. 4—Awakened at 0430 by transatlantic call from Toronto radio station. Fifteen minutes later room lit up by big artillery barrage from west of city. No idea what was happen- ing. One hour later Soviet T34 tanks stopped outside hotel. Walked to chain bridge to see if they really were Russian. They were. This was it. Correspondents evacuated to legations. Took shelter from air raid which never materialized and played table tennis with legation girls.

Monday—In British legation all day. Soviet tanks fired when I looked out window. Two bul- lets hit window sill. Flames, gun- fire and death rule Budapest.

Tuesday—Returned to Duna

Hotel, which got three shell holes during morning. Watched battle outside Astoria Hotel between few Hungarian riflemen and Soviet tanks. Tanks blasted away at buildings until no cover left for snipers. It's total war.

Wednesday—Man's body out- side still there and beginning to smell. Called morgue but said they had no time to collect as they still had 12,000 bodies to deal with from yesterday. No way to telephone story, decided try to break out of city tomor- row to deliver copy while (United Press correspondent) Russ Jones holds fort.

Thursday—Left for Czech bor- der with Basil Davidson of Lon- don Daily Herald and Ernest Leiser. Reached Leled but Czechs refused to let us pass. Spent night at Szob. Revolutionists blaming West for not helping them out.

Friday—Crossed ferry over Danube to Esztergom. Drove in- to Gyoeer and arrested by Rus- sians. Car taken away as well as papers, film and camera. Com- plained to Kommandantura to no avail. Story and pictures gone, but don't need them to re- member the rape of Budapest.

Saturday—Kept watch on road for Western cars. In even- ing two MVD (Soviet Secret Police) majors picked up Leiser for questioning. We were scared, but Ernie came back an hour later after talking with a gen- eral.

Sunday, Nov. 11—Really get- ting worried, but many cars go- ing through. Soviets told us at boards and got to Sopron. Cross- ed frontier into Austria and freedom.

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**Eisenhower Agrees in Principle To Big Three Meeting**  
Paris—(UPI)—President Eisen- hower has agreed in principle to a Big Three summit meeting in Washington with British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Guy Mol- let, diplomatic circles said to- day.

## Ancient South Seas Civilization May Be Revealed in Skeleton

New York—(UPI)—Determi- nation of the age of a woman's skeleton which was found on a throne of female skulls and a giant whale bone is expected to lead to new information about an ancient South Seas civilization. The skeleton is believed to be that of a queen or high priestess, the leader of the first archeo- logical expedition to the Mar- queesas Island said today.

**Found Last Summer**  
It was discovered last sum- mer when an American Museum of Natural History group opened a burial mound on Nukuhiva, chief of the 11 volcanic islands making up the Marquesas group about halfway between Australia and South America.

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, chair- man of the museum's Depart- ment of Anthropology and head

of the archeological task force, explained that dates of an early culture in the Marquesas would help enlighten students of the South Seas on early societies in the South Pacific.

Working in the setting for Har- man Melville's novel, "Typee," and many of Paul Gauguin's paintings, Shapiro said his group obtained carbon samples from caves. The samples are presently undergoing radioactivity tests which will set their age and the age of the burial mound that contained the skeleton.

"Further study of the material found in the grave, plus informa- tion from the tests of carbon," he said, "should tell us a good deal about the society in which this woman lived."

A clue that the grave could be very ancient lies in the fact that stone drawings of humans and animals discovered by the expedition were obscured by rock formations which some- times take centuries to form.

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Articles reported stolen were eight cases of beer stubbys val- ued at \$26.40, five cases of 12 ounce beer cans valued at \$18.80, and one case of Sparkling Bur- gandy valued at \$30, officers said.

Entrance was made to build- ing, according to police by break- ing a loading door window at the rear of the building. The stolen articles were believed handed to an accomplice through the broken window, police said.

Corvallis—(UPI)—Corvallis will observe its 100th anni- versary as a chartered city next year and plans are being made to recognize the occasion throughout all of 1957.

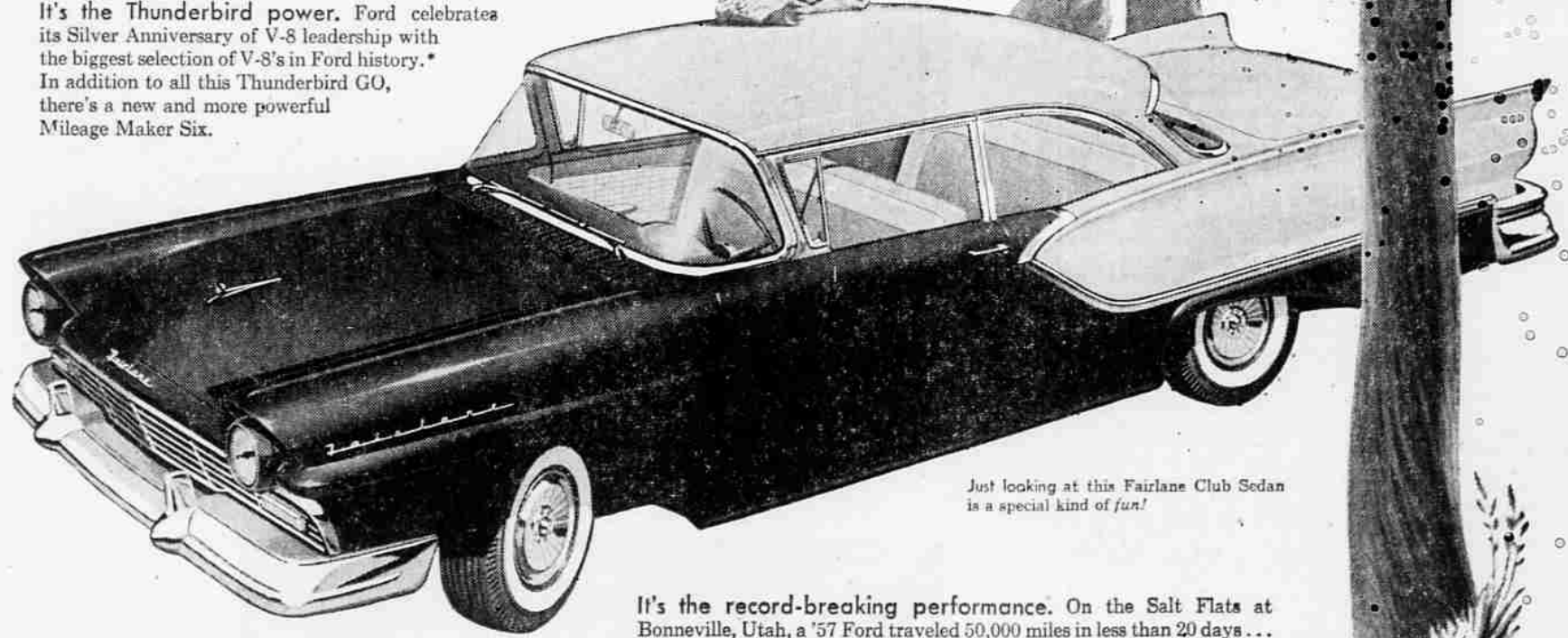
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