

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

HUNGARY—THE LONGER VIEW

There can be few in this country who have not felt how sharp is the contrast between what we have been saying about Hungary and what we are doing. The stark and brutal fact of situation is that Hungary lies wholly within the iron grip of the Red Army, and that neither we nor our Allies in the Atlantic alliance have the means to intervene and to challenge the Red Army.



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This has left us doing two things—protesting and trying to arouse world opinion on the one hand, and on the other doing something to bring aid and comfort to the large and growing mass of refugees who are fleeing into Austria. This, most of us would feel, is not nearly enough, and that besides words and charity the country should at least be preparing, even if it is too early to propose, a solution of the underlying problem from which these horrors and agonies arise.

THE essence of the underlying problem is manifest in the plight of the refugees. According to the latest figures available, nearly 90,000 refugees have fled across the border into Austria. Before they came there were already in Austria—a small country of about 7,000,000 inhabitants—170,000 refugees from the world war. Austria does not have the buildings to house this mass of refugees, and as a makeshift the Austrian government has closed all the schools in eastern Austria and most of them in Vienna, and it is using all public buildings available and also railroad cars. The temperature in Austria is now about eight degrees above zero.

Obviously, Austria cannot carry the burden except on an emergency basis. Nearly 20,000 of the refugees have found at least temporary asylum in other countries, foremost among them Switzerland. According to the United Nations estimate, it may be possible to resettle outside of Austria some 30,000, which would include 10,000 for the United States. But this leaves a mass of 60,000 to be cared for in Austria, not taking into consideration the refugees who will be coming from now on. At the last official count available

here they were still coming at the rate of 3,500 a day.

WHAT the figures do is to raise a fundamental question of policy. Is the Western world going to assume that the refugees are permanent expatriates from Hungary for whom new homes and new jobs must be found in Europe and in the New World? If so, there is a work of planning and of international cooperation to be done on a scale and of a scope beyond anything now being improvised.

Or is the Western world to assume as the principle of its policy that the great mass of these refugees should regard their exile as temporary, and that they can expect to go back to Hungary? If so, then the problem to which we must address ourselves is whether by negotiations with the Soviet Union we can contribute anything substantial to an Hungarian settlement.

FOR a broad settlement, what has been happening in Poland and in Hungary has demonstrated, I think, two critical propositions. The one is that in Eastern Europe the hope of national freedom has behind it the masses of the people, not only the old privileged classes, but the workers, the peasants, and the students. This hope of national freedom is opposed by the power of the Red Army, and would prevail everywhere, as it did first of all in Yugoslavia, if the Red Army were withdrawn.

The second proposition, demonstrated negatively in Poland and positively in Hungary, is that the Red Army will in fact be used ruthlessly against any East European government which threatens to move outside of the strategic orbit of the Soviet Union.

THE crucial question is whether terms can be offered to the Soviet Union which would bring about the withdrawal of the Red Army from Eastern Europe. This withdrawal would carry with it not only the reunification of Germany but also the national freedom of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. We do not know whether the Soviet Union today would agree to such a military withdrawal at any price. But we should be getting ready, it seems to me, to find out whether there is a price which is tolerable, at which so much can be done for the peace and freedom of Europe.

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NEWS NOTES from Medford High School

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We're going to state! This has been on the minds of all Medford high students since the Benson game. Early this week students started to bring their parents to school to sign out for the big Medford-Marshfield game.

Thursday morning the Black Tornado left for Portland amid the cheers of enthusiastic Medford rooters. The pep club, band, and a bus load of rooters made their way through the fog at 6:30 the next morning. In all, 530 reserve seat tickets have been sold to Medford fans.

School wasn't quite the same with 281 active students absent Friday. One seven member senior English class, after finding that the teacher was tardy and the door locked, decided to visit a larger algebra class. The English teacher was quite mystified when she reached her room and found no one to teach.

Robert Burns, noted Scotch poet spent many interesting days tramping the English countryside. On one of these trips he and Squire Aiken, one of his close friends, found that night was falling but between them they did not have enough money to pay the nearby inn for a night's lodging. Being a man of many resources Burns traded the inn keeper a hand written poem, "The Cotter's Saturday Night," for the services of his lodge. This poem, dedicated to Robert Aiken, has been reprinted many times and is even printed in the senior English literature textbook.

Burns died when he was 37. After Burns' death Squire Aiken went back to the inn and obtained the manuscript. Upon his death Squire Aiken willed this manuscript to his mother, Margaret Sanderson, with the provision that it would be passed on to the eldest daughter of the family having the name Margaret Sanderson.

Marge Selby astounded Mrs. Tobin's first period English class

by bringing this two page handwritten manuscript to class. Margaret Sanderson Selby admitted to the class that one of her claims to fame is that her middle name is Sanderson.

The Isaac Walton League is sponsoring six boys to a conservation convention in Eugene, Dec. 7 and 8. Due to their interest in the outdoors Chuck Finch, Pete Kershaw, Bob Eastgate, Roy Schroeder, Steve Shorey, and Jay Walker have been picked to attend this convention.

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