

Heroism of Entire Hungarian People Described by Russell Jones

Editor's note: This is the fourth of a series by the Staff American correspondent to state in Budapest through the Hungarian revolution and its suppression.

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London—U.S.—Heroism is an overworked word, but if I were handing out Congressional Medals of Honor they would go to the entire Hungarian people. Never has an entire nation fought with such desperate courage for such unselfish motives and against such overwhelming odds. The workers, the students,

the women and the children of Hungary fought and won the revolution of Tuesday, Oct. 23. They fought and died in resisting the Soviet return. And when their weapons proved weaker than their spirit, they simply refused to work for their Moscow masters. To choose any Hungarian as the hero would insult the thousands of those who fought. But there were these individuals who stand out in my memory. The 14-year-old girl who turned herself into a human torch to set fire to three Russian

trucks and the guns they towed. She died with half a dozen Russian soldiers caught in the flames. I never saw her in life, but I saw the charred remains of her body outside the Kilian barracks covered with a Hungarian flag. "Here lies a Hungarian girl of 14 years. She died for her country. All Hungary mourns her." The 13-year-old boy with the shaved head. He had fought in both the revolution and the Soviet attack of Nov. 4. The Russians herded him along with

some other 2,000 young Hungarians into cattle cars for deportation. He had escaped and walked all the way back to Budapest. He was ashamed because the Soviet had shaved his head and his cap slipped down on his ears. He was literally as tall as the rifle he carried as he paraded in front of the Corvin theater. I thought of America's Andy Jackson who fought our revolution at 12. The children—and I mean children—who spread the sloping streets leading into Moscow Square with heavy oil and soap so Soviet tanks skidded and went out of control as they attempted to charge the barricades. With the few weapons they had taken from the police, the Hungarians fought the Soviet army. With Molotov cocktails—bottles of gasoline—they knocked out so many of the Soviet T-34 tanks that the Russians never again used them against organ-

ized resistance. With a handful of antiquated 85 millimeter anti-tank guns, they knocked out more tanks and the huge 152 millimeter Red army siege guns. In the Kilian-Corvin area alone, they destroyed two siege guns and at least six tanks. But finally, courage, ingenuity and old weapons were not enough. In their second attack, the Russians brought in their T-34 tanks. They were virtually invulnerable to fires. Unlike the T-34s their gasoline was carried in internal tanks. I took a long hard look at these new land-going Soviet dreadnoughts. It was the first time they had gone into action before Western eyes. The sleek turrets and closely joined body seams of the T-54s gave little opportunity for flaming gasoline to cling or penetrate. Exhausts were protected by flaps and pillows were put in the engine louvers to filter out gasoline fumes. Shells from the World War II 85s bounced harmlessly off this most modern tank in mass production in either side of the Iron Curtain. Unlike the first attack, in the second the Soviets used planes, the MIG 15s and 17s and the IL28s, to bomb strong points. Long rifle 152 millimeter guns

on Gellert Hill fired down into the resistance areas. But the Hungarians fought on. Men holding out in the post-office telephoned Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in the U.S. legation to ask, "Bless us, Father, before we die." They died on the second day. The Russians took no chances. A single shot from a sniper brought a salvo from the heaviest artillery to kill one man. Church steeples were systematically shelled because they were choice spots for a sniper. Last Stronghold The last areas to hold out were the great iron and steel plants on what was once called "Red Csepel," and the industrial suburb of Ujpest. They stopped fighting only when it became clear the Russians would destroy the entire works that the men consider their own. Even after the crushing of resistance in Budapest, the struggle went on in the country. Students at Saropak College near Satoraljaehely, not far from the Soviet border, took to the hills as partisans, confining the Russians to the main roads. As I write this, reports from Budapest indicate fighting may break out again. If it does, I will hope, against all logic and reason, that a people who have taught the world a lesson in courage will win. A British diplomat said to me

one night in Budapest: "These are a people who must be especially blessed of God." I subscribe.



WEeping AS THEY BID tearful farewells to these Hungarian women athletes who chose to remain in Australia. Second from the right is the swimmer Zausza Ordogh. Fifty-five refused to return to their revolt-torn homeland. (International Soundphoto)

Adult Classes Are Slated at Crater

Central Point — The Crater High school agriculture department will hold its first adult farm welding class Monday, Jan. 7, starting at 8 p.m., according to Edward R. Griggs, instructor. The first adult livestock feeding class will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. Keith Hockersmidt will be instructor of the feeding class, and Melvin Burnett will instruct the farm welding class. Griggs and Bill McFarlane will assist instructors during the classes. Those interested in registering for either class have been asked to telephone Crater High school agriculture department, Normanly 4-1103, Griggs said. Registration also will be held during the first class session. Fee for the welding class is \$10, and for the feeding class it is \$5, Griggs said. Classes will be held weekly for 10 weeks, and enrollment for the welding class will be limited to 20 members with first preference allotted to residents of the Crater High school district, Griggs said. There will be no limit for the livestock feeding class, he said.

SP&S, Union Meet To Settle Dispute

Chicago — U.P. — Representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad met today in an effort to settle a dispute which caused a five-day strike last week. Negotiations have been in progress since last Tuesday. A spokesman for the National Mediation Board said work rules pertaining to the extra board, the use of radio in train operation and locomotive changes were at issue. The strike a week ago was called off after President Eisenhower declared an emergency under the National Railway Labor Act and appointed a fact-finding panel. The road is owned jointly by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. Puerto Rico has the only avenue in the world lined by mahogany trees—De Diego Avenue in San Juan which runs from Ponce de Leon Avenue to Loiza Street.

ADmits to Necking

East Greenwich, R. I. — U.P. — Vola Witt was fined \$30 Wednesday after she pleaded guilty to negligently driving an automobile. She admitted she "allowed her male companion to have both arms around her neck" while she was driving.

New Closing Hours for Outgoing Mail Listed

New closing times for outgoing mail from Medford, which went into effect Dec. 1, have been announced by Moore Hamilton, postmaster. Northbound mail closes at 6 a.m. daily except Sundays and holidays, and at 10 a.m., 3:40 p.m. and 5:37 p.m. daily. Hamilton said. Southbound mail closes at 10 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. daily and at 2 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays for Crescent City-Eureka.

Merger Disclosure Plans Stir Steps for Anti-Merger Proposal

New York — U.P. — Congressional leaders are considering anti-merger proposals today in light of defiance by two major steel companies of government action to halt their merger. The Justice Department moved Wednesday in Federal Court here to block the merger of Bethlehem Steel Corp. with Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. It filed a civil anti-trust suit against the two firms and asked that they be restrained from merging while the suit is being heard. Bethlehem and Youngstown had announced Tuesday they would proceed with the proposed merger in spite of the announced government intention of filing the anti-trust suit. **Defy Government Contentions** The government claimed the two companies are "active competitors" and that the merger would substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly. The proposal of Bethlehem, second largest steel producer, to take over Youngstown, sixth largest, would create a steel giant with both sales and assets of about \$2.5 billion. Bethlehem Chairman Eugene G. Grace and Youngstown Chairman J. L. Mathie have vigorously denied the government's contentions. They claim the merger would "stimulate" competition and strengthen national defense. **Stock Prices Drop** The defiance of the two companies of the government action caused their stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange to decline \$4.25 for Bethlehem and \$7.12 1/2 for Youngstown in trading Wednesday. In Washington, congressional leaders said they would press for anti-merger legislation when the 80th Congress convenes next month. Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chairman of the Senate

Gov. Smith Makes Four Appointments

Salem — U.P. — Harold Wendel, Portland, was re-appointed a member of the State Sanitary Authority today by Gov. Elmo Smith. Wendel has been a member of the authority since 1939. His new term is for four years. Mason L. Bingham, Portland, was re-appointed for a four-year term as a member of the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. Gale K. Powell, Condon, who was recently elected district attorney for Gilliam county, was named to fill the unexpired term of William A. Bennett Jr. who resigned Dec. 10 as district attorney. Walter B. Freeman, Cave Junction, was appointed to succeed his wife as a member of the Josephine County Public Welfare Commission. Mrs. Freeman asked to be relieved because of teaching duties.

Smith Joins Plea For Vaccine Use

Salem — U.P. — Gov. Elmo Smith today joined President Eisenhower and federal health authorities in urging Oregonians to take advantage of the present plentiful supply of Salk polio vaccine. Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) was expected to take up the anti-merger move in the House.

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The governor said adequate supplies of the vaccine were on hand. He added that sufficient funds were available through the national polio vaccine assistance act for almost 325,000 inoculations in Oregon before next July 1. "I urge that private physicians and public health departments use this supply to assure that no one in Oregon be denied the protection of Salk vaccine for financial reasons," the governor said.

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