

Recent Report Given On Hungary Conditions

Editor's note: Russell Jones was the only American newsman who remained in Budapest throughout the ill-fated Hungarian revolution in late 1956. He recently returned for the first time since those stirring and perilous days.

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Budapest—AP—The graves are gone from the public parks of Budapest.

The bodies of the men, women and children who died for freedom in October and

November of 1956 have been moved to the cemeteries. Only the dates on the headstones there bear witness to the circumstances under which they died.

That is what has struck me most sharply on my return to this city. When I saw it last, the parks were pocked with the fresh graves of the freedom fighters. The new Communist regime wants no reminder. It has done a good job.

The black flags which hung from the buildings, mourning the nation's dead youth, are

gone and in their place fly again the red stars. I had seen those red flags ripped to shreds in the streets.

Stalin's Statue Gone
The monuments to the "heroic Soviet liberators" of World War II — toppled by the freedom fighters — have been restored. All but the giant figure of Stalin. It had not been replaced.

The traffic of trucks and autos and street cars moves swiftly again today through Budapest streets once laddered by barricades and shaken by the tread of Soviet tanks and the blast of artillery.

Here is a bakery in the Ferenc Circle where I once took shelter from the gunfire. Customers now carry loaves of bread out the front door. Little more than a year ago its back door had been a supply point for the men fighting in the Killian Barracks.

In Pakoczi St., I paused at the spot where a young girl carrying a rifle kissed me — simply because I was an American.

Visit to Cemetery

I went to the Kerepesi National cemetery on a Sunday morning. There both the freedom fighters and the Communists have buried their dead. That morning — as on every Sunday — hundreds paid their respects to the revolutionaries. Only a few relatives stood by the graves of the Communists, buried in a circle around the monument of Hungarian national hero Lajos Kossuth.

There is a pride among these people that they — at least — tried.

I asked a doctor of medicine, a grey-haired man in his middle 50s with a growing family, if it had been worth it — all the bloodshed and the reprisals that came afterwards.

Yes, he said, because we stood up and were counted.

"To me and thousands of others, even those who lose fathers, brothers or sons, it was worth it. I was a spectator, a noncombatant, an opportunist, if you like, but I think I can answer for most Hungarians.

"It was worth everything for the very simple reason that now I and almost every other Hungarian need have no fear of my neighbor.

Traitors and Patriots
"Before the revolution he might wear a party badge or he might not, but I never really knew what he was. Now all of that is done and gone. We know who are the traitors and who are the patriots."

That is perhaps the most important result and a curious one. The government tries to pretend the revolt never happened. So the people have taken them up on that myth to fill the restaurants and nightclubs with a desperate kind of gaiety.

The physical lot of the people is not nearly so bad as might have been expected. The Soviet Union has poured in \$225 million in loans during 1957 alone.

Still the people live from day to day, with little thought for tomorrow. But despite the regime's attempt to hide the past and the people's desire to ignore the future, the gaiety is only superficial.

To me, Budapest is the saddest of cities.

New York Mayor To Air School Problem

New York — AP — Mayor Robert F. Wagner called top school, police and court officials to a City Hall conference today to map an attack on the problem of the city's unruly children and crime in the schools.

The most critical immediate problem on the agenda was what to do with 644 youngsters suspended from schools as troublemakers and thrown "out on the streets" in the absence of detention facilities. More were expected to be ousted today, possibly raising the total to 950.

The mayor's first assistant denied suggestions that the upsurge of violent crime among school children was caused by racial tensions among the city's white, Negro and Puerto Rican populations.

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Young Airman Starts Week's Simulated Trip To Outer Space

San Antonio, Tex. — AP—Airman Donald G. Farrell, huddled in a small steel chamber cut off from the world, was being up well today against the bleak solitude of a simulated outer space trip to the moon.

The 23-year-old New York airman entered the steel shell anchored to the floor of a Randolph Air Force Base laboratory Sunday. If all goes well, he will emerge Saturday.

Flight surgeons, watching him constantly on a 14-inch television screen, said the airman is an "excellent subject" and was holding up well under the oppressiveness of his three by five foot chamber, sealed off from the world and enveloped in air pressure equal to the height of 18,000 feet.

He undergoes rigorous work periods, matching charts and checking lights on a maze of instruments facing the seat from which he can-

not rise. The tests check his mental acuity under the strain and have nothing to do with space navigation, officers said.

Farrell's only contact with the world is soft music, which he can hear at the push of a button.

Reactions Watched

Flight surgeons, working in relays while others sleep in the laboratory, watch his face on the 14-inch TV screen and watch his problem — reactions on another screen. Wires and instruments on his body record his condition.

Farrell's biggest enemy, and the reason for the test, is solitude.

To make the test a success, he must endure the isolation for seven days in the small cell, with only a minimum of room to shift his body. Only a clock tells him the difference between night or day. He can hear only himself and the optional music.

United Auto Workers Set Meeting For This Week

Detroit — AP — Several hundred United Auto Workers local and international officers will meet for three days this week to work out specific provisions of the 1958 bargaining proposal to General Motors Corp.

The Feb. 12-14 meeting of this General Motors council of the UAW will be the first held to work out contract terms for a single company. The UAW Chrysler council will meet Feb. 19 and the Ford council will meet March 4.

The UAW bargaining convention Jan. 22-24 approved the union's general bargaining program. This program included a "basic" economic package for many wage and benefit gains and a "supplementary" package for a share of the profits of successful corporations.

T. O. Yntema, Ford vice president-finance, this week told the Senate anti-monopoly subcommittee the UAW's "basic" package alone would cost the auto companies another 60 cents or better per hour in labor expenses.

The UAW international has never put a figure on the cost of its basic demands. That will be the job of the corporation councils and of the National Bargaining committee which will write up the final contract demands from where the councils leave off.

The basic demands include an annual wage boost of at least four per cent. The union said this is the minimum production improvement rate for all American industry. This would add 10

Two Springfield Brothers Held for Albany Slaying

Albany, Ore. — AP — A 51-year-old Albany man, William Calloway Howell, was stabbed to death on a street near his home early Sunday.

Two Springfield brothers admitted to police they had a "knife fight" with the victim. Howell was the father of eight children. The body was found in shrubbery Sunday morning by three boys who notified police. Deputy Coroner Walter Kropp said Howell had been stabbed seven times and his throat slashed.

Brothers Detained

The suspects, Andrew Wolfe, 22, and his 20-year-old brother, Phillip, were held without bail. The pair first came to the attention of authorities when Andrew appeared at an Albany hospital early Sunday for treatment of a superficial knife wound in the back. He told hospital attendants he and his brother had been attacked by a man as they walked along railroad tracks near Millersburg, five miles north of Albany. Police were notified.

When the youths could not locate the spot where the attack was said to have taken place police detained them for further questioning. When Howell's body was found they were placed in custody of Linn county sheriff George Miller.

Andrew later admitted they had been in a fight with Howell after the man allegedly called Andrew a "bad name."

Klamath Doctor, Wife Die in Fire

Klamath Falls — AP — A Klamath Falls doctor and his wife died of suffocation Sunday when flames swept their home. The victims were Dr. Raymond W. Oldenburg, 59, and his wife Jean, 56, residents of Klamath Falls for 30 years.

Firemen said the two were apparently overcome by smoke from a fire which heavily damaged the rear of their house. Cause of the fire, which took four hours to control, has not been determined, firemen said.

Dave Beck May Have To Pay Rent

Miami Beach — AP — The Teamsters Union executive board may decide at its winter meeting opening today whether to make Dave Beck pay some rent and taxes on the \$165,000 house the union built for him, sources said today.

Both Beck, a former president of the union, and his successor, James R. Hoffa, were scheduled to share the spotlight at the winter conference of Teamster officials. Beck was planning to help clean up "loose ends" in the change-over of administrations in the 1,400,000-member truck union.

Teamster sources said the board may decide if Beck should be allowed to continue living rent-free and tax-free in the \$165,000 home in Seattle built with union funds.

The Teamsters convention which elected Hoffa refused to grant Beck the title of president emeritus. However, Beck receives a \$50,000-a-year pension from the union.

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