

Vienna Writer Reviews Attempts Made By Hungary To Lift Slave Shackles

Editor's note: When the Hungarian freedom revolt erupted three years ago, Austria became the window through which the Free World watched in fascination, hope and finally horror. In the following dispatch the UPI manager in Vienna recalls those hours in the fall of 1956.

By FRANZ CYRUS
Vienna - (UPI) - Telephone connections between Hungary and the Free World were severed at 7 p.m. the night of Oct. 23, 1956.

The fuse that touched off the Hungarian revolution had been lit. In the hours between 7 p.m. and dawn, tensions in the Vienna newsroom built up in layers.

At 8 p.m., Budapest Radio announced an emergency session of the Communist Party's Central Committee had been called for midnight.

Ernoe Geroie, hated Stalinist chief of Hungary's Communist Party came on the air. His voice trembled with tension. He warned that any attempt to upset the regime would be met with the government's full strength.

Then from Budapest via Prague, Czechoslovakia: Demonstrating youths clash with police. Thirty dead.

And from Budapest radio, conflicting reports on the scheduled central committee meeting.

Minutes Dragged on
The minutes dragged on. Then it happened. Over Budapest Radio came the unmistakable sound of machine-gun fire.

Violent reaction by the young men and women of Hungary, sickened at years of repression and privation, practically stripped of their national identity, had started on the night of Oct. 23.

The avalanche that later would be termed the strongest blow yet to world Communism was rolling.

And from Budapest Radio: Appeals to freedom fighters to lay down their arms. The same appeal every two or three minutes.

Heavy fighting had broken out in the streets of Budapest. "Fascist groups are trying to unseat the regime by force."

Premier Andras Hegeus has resigned. Imre Nagy, former premier known as a Nationalist Communist, has taken his place.

This was the beginning of a stirring and finally tragic drama that has yet to play to its last act. For newsmen in Vienna in 1956, it was a period of extremes - excitement, exhaustion, depression, hope and frustration.

Two United Press men, taking advantage of the nationwide confusion, slipped into Budapest, one by plane and another by car. Another made it across the border from Vienna to the nearest town, Mosonmagyaróvár.

United Press Correspondent Kurt Neubauer phoned out the first eyewitness account Oct. 25 when he reached Mosonmagyaróvár. He counted more than 180 bodies of persons killed by Communist troops.

He saw the arrest of a secret police officer who had given

the order to open fire on anti-Communist demonstrators. The officer later was thrown out of his third floor hospital room and trampled to death by a vengeful crowd.

Russell Jones and Anthony Cavendish risked their lives to provide dramatic and horrifying word pictures of the

bloody battling in Budapest and finally the slaughter as the Soviets broke their promise to Nagy and squashed the revolution.

At 6 a.m. Nov. 4, Nagy confirmed the worst fears: "... Soviet troops attacked the Hungarian capital with the open purpose to overthrow the

legal government. The Hungarian troops are in combat ... this I announce to our people and to the world."

A Mass Exodus
Eight hours later Moscow Radio declared: "This morning the forces of reactionary conspiracy against the Hungarian people were crushed."

A new ... government has been formed, led by Premier Janos Kadar."

For Budapest it was all over. The struggle raged on for a few weeks in the provinces. Workers resisted the new regime with devastating strikes. But hunger and cold took its toll.

Before the Iron Curtain clanged down again on the border, more than 180,000 Hungarian - frightened and tired after long treks through rain and icy storms - crossed into Austria.

They left all but what they could carry on their backs. Many carried children. Some left members of their family behind - dead.

The last message received by the UPI Vienna office via teletype from Budapest contained 33 words but told the story of a tragedy that still burns in the hearts of free men everywhere.

It arrived Nov. 4 from the Hungarian News Agency and it read:
"Good bye. We do not forget you."
"Bye, the Russians are too near."
"We shall leave our post. We shall leave our post."
"Good bye, friends, good bye friends. Save our souls."

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Indians Get Bell Back From Railroad

Cleveland, Ohio - (UPI) - The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has given an iron horse back to the Indians.

It's not an entire iron horse, but the part that made much of the noise - the bell.

The C. and O. heard that the Presbyterian mission in Pensacola, N.M., was seeking a locomotive bell to be used to call its congregation to worship but was not having any luck. The mission serves 5,000 Indians through a medical clinic, a community program and a church.

Although the mission is more than 2,000 miles from the nearest point on the C. and O., the railroad offered the bell and Mrs. Julian Duran, resident missionary, one of its old steam locomotive bells. The offer was accepted.

Fiji Lawmakers Legalize Bum Tax

Suva, Fiji - (UPI) - Lawmakers worked fast here recently to legalize a tax they'd been collecting illegally for more than three years.

The comptroller of customs, faced with a complaint about a tax on sugar exports, reported with a somewhat red face that legal authority to collect the tax had lapsed in December, 1955.

But the customs department went right on collecting it - to the tune of nearly \$870,000.

The government, noting that if the illegal collections were refunded and the tax abolished, the money would have to be made up in other taxes, put a post-dated legalization bill for the sugar tax at the top of the legislative agenda.