

Hungary's Communism Creates New Ghetto

(Editor's Note: This is another story by Richard O'Regan, the Associated Press chief of bureau in Vienna, who visited Budapest recently with several other Western newsmen.)

By RICHARD O'REGAN
BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—The conflict of capitalism and communism has brought tragedy to the Jews of Hungary.

By closing down row after row of small stores, communism has created a new ghetto of the once thriving Jewish quarter of Budapest.

Small merchants and traders whose business independence was their faith and their existence today are old men whose shops are tombstones to their broken lives and hopes. Thousands of Christian businessmen suffer similarly.

But a deeper tragedy than the drab, crumbling streets is the division of the Jewish community.

On the one side are the Communists of Jewish origin, a few hundred led by Premier Matyas Rakosi, who rule Jew and Christian alike, wield power comparable to the Kremlin and live in isolated luxury.

On the other side are thousands who cling to the livelihood of their fathers and suffer for it. Between the two is an insuperable wall of ideas.

The conflict has also generated anti-Semitism among nine million Hungarians of Christian faith. The world of those who lived by capitalism is today like a neglected graveyard where a despairing people move like shadows in and out of now-overcrowded, ill-lit and unprepared rooms.

Just a few yards behind the busy state-owned stores on Rakoczy Ut, two visiting correspondents found entire streets of shuttered stores, in a depressing Communist city.

On once-bustling Kiraly Utc (its royal name has been changed to Majakovskij Utc after a Russian revolutionary poet), there was hardly a sign of life. Over many a store, the names of the owners had been torn down. Others were transformed into state distribution points for furs and toilet goods.

On once-wealthy Hollo Utc, until 1949 still crowded with goldsmiths and silversmiths, one silversmith remained in a society where only state enterprises may deal in precious metals. He said he made his living by creating art objects from iron instead of silver.

On Sip Utc, filthy children played barefooted on the streets. In the door of a tiny store with dusty paintings on display, an old man, in ragged unkempt clothes, said he made picture frames. His lifeless eyes and mournful rigidity told that he neither had nor expected a customer for years.

A few doors away, a family of four clustered behind the curtained show window of what was once a small store. They appeared to

eat, sleep and live on one bed.

Outside their home, a Communist bulletin board proclaimed the work efficiency of two local residents.

In 1941, before the slaying of the Nazis and the robbery of the Communists, Hungary had 400,000 Jews. Today there are 80,000, of whom 50,000 live in the Budapest area where the Nazis erected the fences of the ghetto.

Thousands fled or sought immigration to Israel as soon as Rakosi and his companions turned against their own people and started to close private stores. Other more prosperous manufacturers, merchants and traders have been deported, branded as "class enemies" and forced upon unwilling farmers.

Pushed into back rooms and cellars, sharing them with children who sometimes succumb to the propaganda of communism, are thousands of middle-aged and elderly people, preserving what dignity they can by the sale of the remnants of their past lives.

Thousands who worked in the stores of the former merchants and thus were not "class enemies" have found themselves white collar jobs in state enterprises or laboring jobs in factories. But like millions of Catholics and Protestants, they find their pay barely keeps them fed and clothed.

In contrast, high above Budapest on Rosta Domb (the Hill of Roses), live others of Jewish origin, the party and the government chieftains.

Guarded night and day, rarely making public appearances, living in their own private world of luxurious villas and unlimited satisfaction of their wants, they have cut themselves off from the Jewish community.

Nine out of 12 members of the party Politburo reportedly are of Jewish origin. So are 10 out of 12 generals. They have many Jewish subordinates.

It is their orders which have caused the ruin and poverty of thousands in the new ghetto. It is their orders which spark the anti-Semitism of non-Jews.

They narrowly escaped the purge of Jews which was beginning to sweep the Communist world before Stalin's death.

Today, they may see their days are numbered. Diplomats here report that non-Jewish elements in the party and government are obtaining more influence, that a Gentile is chosen for a job rather than a Jew when two men of equal worth are considered for a party post.

The visitor to Budapest leaves with the impression that when the wheel turns, smoldering anti-Semitism may burst forth in a flame engulfing the new rich and poor, Communist and anti-Communist alike.

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She was walking to her living quarters from a band concert in the Coliseum, when she slumped to the ground. An ambulance was called, but she was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Coroner Don Duran said an autopsy would be performed.

The girl had attended one previous summer school session here. Her sister, Birdie, 17, also is at the session. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Manning, route 1, Lakeview.

Moose to Honor G. B. Leach

G. B. (Brick) Leach is to be honored by Moose Lodge men and women here tonight in a special meeting at Moose Hall, 8 p.m.

Leach is to be honored for having attained the highest order of Moose, the Pilgrim degree, which was conferred on him at the 25th opening of the Pilgrim Crypt at Mooseheart, Ill., June 20. Only 78 of the degrees were conferred throughout the nation.

Three other Klamathites have received the degree. They are Jack Benner, Al Nyback and Ray Van Meter of Malin.

Convict Faces Additional Trial

PORTLAND (AP)—A convict accused of taking \$40,000 from the Umatilla Postoffice in 1950 will be brought into federal court here Friday for trial.

William Malcolm Ritchey, 50, will face the charge even before his present six-year state sentence expires. He was convicted at Roseburg in August, 1951, of a \$70,000 robbery of two jewelry salesmen. A six-year sentence resulted.

There were two Umatilla Postoffice thefts in 1950. Each time \$20,000 mailed from the Federal Reserve Bank in Portland disappeared. Ritchey is accused of breaking into the place and taking the money each time.

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