

HUNGARY PROTESTS SLOVAK 'REPRISALS'

Complains Magyars Are Being Thrust Out—U. S. Cautions Budapest on Germans

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VIENNA, Nov. 29 — Hungary, while sending out angry reports that Magyar peasant refugees from South Slovakia are assembling on the frontier, has received from the United States mission in Budapest instructions to cease transferring German peasants from Hungary to South Germany.

The two issues are related, for Hungary is obligated under the armistice terms to get rid of her 60,000 German-language population by next April. Prague, at the same time, complains bitterly that only some 5,500 have been sent away to date, because Budapest wants to avoid having empty land available for the settlement of Hungarians from South Slovakia.

If the Budapest reports that South Slovakian Hungarian peasants are being ordered to report immediately for national work in the Sudeten region of Bohemia are true, it may represent the beginning of Czechoslovak reprisals for the alleged stalling tactics of the Hungarian Government.

Hungarian Stalling Charged

Authorities in Bratislava responsible for the program of exchange of some 100,000 Hungarians in South Slovakia for Slovaks living in Hungary have been stating quite openly that they were reaching the end of their patience. They say that the exchange agreement should have started to function fully by the beginning of September and that on every point the Hungarians have done nothing but delay and dodge the issues.

Budapest asserts, on the contrary, that the Slovaks have refused every effort to set up a reasonable compromise. Leaders of the movement to get the Hungarians out of Slovakia have been stating that if Budapest did not meet them at least half way, they would take their own measures unilaterally. Budapest reports that the wholesale transfer of Magyars to the Sudeten region—if correct—evidently constitutes the long-threatened unilateral measure.

American refusal to take more Hungarian Germans in the United States occupation zone of Austria during the winter season is said to be the result of overcrowding. Allegedly, there simply are no quarters available.

70,000 Germans in Austria

The transfer of Germans from the American, British and French zones of Austria to all but the British zone of Germany ceased the middle of October for the same reason. Shipment from the Russian zone of Austria has been prevented since July because of American differences with the Russians over the question of seven classes of exemptions.

There now are some 70,000 Germans from Germany left in Austria. Of this number, probably 40,000, according to a semi-official estimate, have permanent permission to reside in Austria. Some 263,000 Germans from central and eastern European countries of the so-called "Volksdeutsche" are in Austria. The Austrian Minister of the Interior said today that Austria would be glad to keep some of these Germans, but that she demanded the right to choose those she wanted and to ship the rest eventually to Germany. One hundred and ten thousand, under existing international agreements, are subject to repatriation to Germany at any time.

One hundred and forty-three thousand come from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania and must wait a considerable period before their transfer to their homeland can be undertaken. They were supposed to go to the French zone of occupation, but the French have shown no disposition to take them.

Hungary Calls Peace in Peril

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Nov. 29 (Reuters)—Dr. Janos Gyongyosy, Hungarian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the National Assembly here today on the reported deportations of Hungarians in Czechoslovakia, said, "The methods of deportation in Slovakia threaten peace in this part of Europe."

Hungary, he declared, would never renounce her right to care for Hungarians outside her border.

It was announced on Wednesday that the Hungarian Government had sent a note to the Big Four Foreign Ministers in New York and to the Czechoslovak Government protesting against alleged persecution of Hungarians in Slovakia.

Yesterday the Hungarian Government sent a new note to the Czechoslovak Government stating that the repatriation of Slovaks from Hungary under the Hungarian-Czechoslovak agreement for the exchange of populations had been suspended.