

BUDAPEST SWEEP BY NEW DISORDER

Workers' Unit Tells Regime to Stop Jailing Leaders or Face More Strife

By The Associated Press.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 7 —New strikes and street fights swept Budapest today. Workers told the Soviet-imposed Government to stop jailing their leaders or face another outburst of violence.

The Central Workers Council issued a proclamation charging that continued jailing of leaders would end in "a general strike, bloodshed and a new national tragedy."

The workers demanded an answer by 8 P. M. over the Budapest radio. The hour passed without any mention by the station of the workers' statement.

A street fight broke out at almost the same site as yesterday's clash that took three lives by official account and seventeen according to unconfirmed reports.

Hungarians Protest

A Soviet armored car stopped in the crowded area and picked up a young Hungarian. About 100 Hungarians immediately gathered around and protested.

Two more Soviet cars stopped, but the crews were friendly and smiling. They drove off. Then a dispute with the police started.

The Western Railway Station was soon surrounded by Hungarian policemen armed with tommyguns. The policemen charged the crowd, swinging clubs and firing in the air.

"We were not demonstrating, we were not marching," said one Hungarian. "We just stood there talking as we were going home.

"See here. That's a bump a Hungarian policeman's truncheon raised on my head. If these cops think this is the end of it they are mistaken."

"There are going to be things like this happening every day around here," the Hungarian continued. "We've got a right to stand in the streets and talk."

Witnesses said the police carried several truckloads of men and women from the scene of the clash.

Other Disorders Reported

Several other disturbances were rumored in the capital.

The Central Workers Council reported there were sporadic and spontaneous strikes in several factories.

At the Csepel Iron and Steel Works, Hungary's largest industrial complex, several thousand workers stayed away from their jobs. This cut the number of active personnel to 50 per cent of a normal 38,000.

The reason for the strike at the Csepel works was a local dispute over management. One of the workers' leaders said the men were dissatisfied with some of the directors but the Government of Premier Janos Kadar refused to dismiss them.

The Central Council in a proclamation posted in all factories said:

"It appears that an organized hunt has been started against the workers' councils throughout the country.

"If this continues, the confidence of the workers will be lost completely and those who direct the provocations will reach their goal by turning the workers' class definitely against the Government. The end will be a general strike, bloodshed and a new national tragedy."

The Central Council represents all the workers in the capital

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and surrounding areas. Each factory has its own council, elected by the workers to deal with the Government-named management.

At one factory yesterday 600 workers defied Soviet tanks and Hungarian militia and barred the arrest of three additional council members.

A three-member delegation, including Peter Veres and Aron Tamassy, nationally known writers, saw Premier Kadar today. A council statement said the purpose of the visit was to "protest against the violation of the law and to warn that if such arrests continue the anger of the world would be roused against it [the Government]."

Labor Backing Leaders

BUDAPEST, Dec. 7 (UP)—A council spokesman emphasized today that labor was behind its leaders.

He said 35,000 workers at a factory in the Budapest suburb of Ujpest had declared their readiness to march on Parliament should the council give the signal.

Seizure of Youths Reported

VIENNA, Dec. 7 (Reuters)—Reports from Budapest said large numbers of young people were seized Wednesday from schools and colleges throughout the Hungarian capital. They were taken to the Kelenflod Station and put into railroad freight cars.

Railroad workers downed tools and rushed out of the station to tell what was happening. The stationmaster went to the Soviet military headquarters to protest, the reports added.

The reports also described how Russian soldiers went the same day to a boys' school near Luther House, the Protestant Church building in Budapest, and loaded boys on three trucks.

Workers at the near-by Standard Electrical Works rushed to try to stop them. The Russians opened fire. In the affray the schoolboys in one of the trucks escaped.

Food Set for Budapest

GENEVA, Dec. 7 (AP)—About one-fourth of the population of Budapest will receive daily food rations from the International Red Cross Committee throughout the winter.

Roger Gallopin, organizer of the committee's relief operation for Hungary, said today normal food stocks in Budapest were barely adequate for five weeks more and the inhabitants of the city would face serious famine without the Red Cross aid. The population of greater Budapest is about 1,750,000.

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