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Total amounts transported to Budapest by the International
Committee up to 10 January 1957

By rail	3,424,586 kg
By boat	2,284,158 kg
By road	2,608,320 kg
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Total	8,317,064 kg

Made up as follows:

Foodstuffs	4,948,874 kg
Clothing and bedding	518,625 kg
Medical supplies	118,709 kg
Miscellaneous	2,731,856 kg
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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
HUNGARIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

List of goods dispatched to Budapest up to 10 January 1957

<u>Foodstuffs</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>Clothing and Bedding</u>	<u>Kg</u>
Bread	2,800	Miscellaneous clothing	253,442
Butter	26,762	Men's clothing	57,053
Powdered eggs	300	Women's clothing	41,810
Cooking fat	11,340	Children's clothing	10,220
Canned fish	26,584		
Canned meat	191,198		
Fresh fruit	29,946.5		
Canned fruit	150		
Canned vegetables	2,750		
Biscuits	22,562		
Semolina	14,400		
Oatmeal	5,901		
Peas and beans	500		
Coffee	6,100		
Cocoa	6,500		
Potatoes	20,000		
Cheese	16,150		
Baby foods	35,675		
Jam	1,500		
Condensed and powdered milk	615,378.5		
Relief parcels	12,900		
Miscellaneous canned goods	21,800		
Margarine	139,366		
Flour	1,927,436		
Assorted fruit	1,400		
Concentrated foodstuffs	1,330		
Ovocaltine	2,000		
Rice	94,251		
Salt	9,100		
Syrup	3,013.5		
Edible oils	27,165		
Canned soup	7,865		
Chocolate	53,028		
Tea	2,410		
Macaroni, etc.	9,486		
Sugar	119,905		
		<u>Units</u>	
		Woolen blankets	71,790
		Mattresses	160
		Beds	602
		Beds with bedding	44
		Women's underclothes	2,616
		Men's underclothes	2,042
		<u>Medical supplies</u>	
		Antibiotics	1,181
		Insulin ampoules	20,000
		Blood plasma	2,192
		Penicillin	1,492
		Cod liver oil	7,689
		Medicines	18,792
		Bandages	29,860
		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
		Window panes	5,500 m ²
		Candles	5,565
		Coal	1,403,000
		Kitchen utensils	5,000
		Soap	7,635
		Toys	5,513
		Toilet paper	2,013
		Matches	1,500
		Vitamin tablets	2,575

The total value of these goods is approximately 15 million Swiss francs. The value of the medicines represents an additional sum of 2.5 million Swiss francs.

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This list does not include contributions from other national Red Cross
Societies which have been reported to the International Committee of the
Red Cross but sent direct to Hungary.

II. Governments:

Austria, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, New Zealand,
Spain.

III. Other Contributors:

Numerous non-governmental organizations and private individuals.

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SECOURS A LA POPULATION HONGROISE

Concerne : organisation - schéma de la distribution - aperçu des principales actions.

I. Organisation générale.-

L'acheminement par le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge (CICR) des secours destinés à la population hongroise a entraîné la mise en place d'un double dispositif technique. Des services ont été en effet créés à Vienne et Budapest et groupés sous l'autorité d'un délégué général, M. Georges Rütishauser, assisté du Dr. Redli, spécialement chargé de la coordination de l'activité exercée de part et d'autre.

La délégation de Vienne, dirigée par M. Bircher, comprend principalement 4 sections : deux d'entre elles sont chargées de l'organisation des transports (l'une des convois routiers et l'autre des transports par chemin de fer et par voie fluviale), la troisième des entrepôts et la quatrième de l'Administration du personnel et du matériel. D'autres services sont chargés des relations avec les Autorités et la Croix-Rouge autrichiennes, avec la Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et les autres institutions internationales, avec les représentations diplomatiques et notamment la Légation de Hongrie en Autriche et avec la presse.

Un service spécial, dépendant du délégué permanent du CICR à Vienne, M. Joubert, est chargé de l'établissement d'un fichier concernant l'ensemble des réfugiés séjournant ou ayant séjourné en Autriche.

La délégation de Budapest, dirigée par M. Fischer, comprend 3 sections : l'une s'occupe de l'établissement et du contrôle de l'exécution des programmes, l'autre des entrepôts (stocks, confectionnement de colis et transport) et la troisième assure le secrétariat. La délégation qui comprend 22 personnes demeure en contact permanent avec la Croix-Rouge hongroise pour l'exécution de sa mission. Un délégué, M. Bovey, est chargé des activités traditionnelles qui découlent pour le CICR de l'application des Conventions de Genève du 12 août 1949. L'ensemble du personnel de la délégation est de nationalité suisse.

La Croix-Rouge hongroise est dirigée par un Comité Central composé de personnalités médicales qui travaillent en liaison constante avec le CICR.

II. Schéma de la distribution en Hongrie.-

D'importants secours ont été envoyés dans la période du 23 octobre au 2 novembre 1956 hors du contrôle du CICR, par des particuliers ou des institutions qui se sont rendus en Hongrie à la faveur des événements, parfois même en usant indûment du signe de la Croix-Rouge.

Le système de distribution et de contrôle, mis sur pied par le CICR, ne vise par conséquent que les secours qui lui ont été confiés soit à Vienne, soit directement à Budapest (comme cela a été le cas pour le don de la Croix-Rouge polonaise). D'autre part, les constatations faites par les délégués du CICR montrent que c'est à Budapest que les besoins sont les plus grands. Des enquêtes ont néanmoins été faites afin de déterminer la situation en province.

Ceci dit, on peut donner la description suivante de l'appareil de distribution fonctionnant actuellement à Budapest :

- a) Les denrées et marchandises arrivant de Vienne ou directement remises au CICR à Budapest sont assemblées dans un entrepôt central, à CZEPEL, réservé exclusivement à cet effet. Elles ne peuvent en sortir qu'avec l'approbation commune du CICR et de la Croix-Rouge hongroise.
- b) Les distributions ont lieu en conformité des principes fondamentaux de la Croix-Rouge, c'est-à-dire suivant la plus stricte impartialité, et sans autre discrimination que le degré d'urgence des besoins à satisfaire. Chaque action fait l'objet d'un programme écrit, établi d'entente entre la Croix-Rouge hongroise qui l'exécute et le CICR qui en assure le contrôle. Aucune action ne commence avant que la qualité du bénéficiaire ne soit établie et l'appareil de distribution mis sur pied.

III. Aperçu des programmes de secours les plus importants à Budapest, dont la mise à exécution a commencé.-

1. Distributions de lait.

Actuellement, il est remis quotidiennement à environ 120.000 mères et enfants de Budapest 100 gr. de lait en poudre. En vue de

l'exécution de ce programme, le CICR remet à la Croix-Rouge hongroise 12.000 kg. de lait en poudre chaque jour. On envisage d'étendre cette action à 173.500 mères et enfants. Pour l'instant, il est prévu que l'action se poursuivra jusqu'à fin avril 1957. A cet effet, 2.000 tonnes environ de lait en poudre seront nécessaires. Il est cependant probable qu'il s'avérera nécessaire de continuer l'action jusqu'à mi-juillet 1957, soit jusqu'au début de la nouvelle récolte.

2. Colis-secours.

Le jeudi 10 janvier le CICR a remis à la Croix-Rouge hongroise le cent-millième colis-secours pour distribution à la population nécessiteuse de Budapest. Les colis de denrées alimentaires composés par le CICR pèsent environ 4 kg. et contiennent du sucre, du riz, des pâtes, de la margarine, des conserves de viande, du lait en poudre, du fromage, du chocolat, etc. Pour le travail d'emballage, la Croix-Rouge hongroise a mis à la disposition du CICR 75 femmes et jeunes filles, qui confectionnent plus de 7.000 colis dans l'espace de 8 heures.

La distribution des colis se fait sur présentation de cartes de légitimation spéciales, délivrées par la Croix-Rouge hongroise après examen approfondi des demandes de personnes désirant bénéficier des répartitions. La priorité est établie selon un barème d'urgence comprenant 7 catégories. Les premiers en liste sont les survivants de personnes tombées au cours des émeutes; une deuxième catégorie est formée des blessés et de leur parenté; la troisième catégorie comprend les personnes dont les logements ont été détruits ou gravement endommagés, et en 4ème lieu viennent les familles nombreuses. On a inscrit en cinquième catégorie les vieillards, invalides et malades et en sixième et septième catégorie figurent les tuberculeux et les familles à revenu modeste. Le droit de participation aux répartitions et les catégories sont déterminés par une commission, contre les décisions de laquelle il existe diverses possibilités de recours. Les colis sont distribués par les soins d'aides volontaires dans les centres de distribution de la Croix-Rouge hongroise à Budapest, et ce sous la surveillance continue du CICR. Les contrôles effectués par ce dernier ont permis de constater que la distribution faite par la Croix-Rouge hongroise a lieu de façon irréprochable.

La distribution de colis de vivres doit être portée au chiffre de 10.000 par jour. L'exécution du programme sera rendue beaucoup plus

facile par l'envoi, de la part de l'Allemagne et des Etats-Unis, de respectivement 25.000 et 100.000 colis de denrées alimentaires emballées sous forme définitive. La Suède annonce également un envoi de colis de vivres.

Sous ce rapport, il convient de signaler que le CICR ne peut pas se charger, en vue de leur transmission à Budapest, de paquets de dons charitables munis d'une adresse personnelle. Pour des envois de ce genre, la voie postale normale, qui fonctionne de nouveau, doit être utilisée.

3. Cantines d'écoliers.

Déjà avant l'insurrection, l'administration scolaire de Budapest servait aux écoliers nécessiteux des dîners pour un prix modique (0,5 à 3.- forint par semaine). Or, cette action d'alimentation doit maintenant s'effectuer par les soins du CICR, en ce sens que c'est à lui qu'incombe la tâche de mettre les denrées alimentaires nécessaires à disposition, alors que la préparation des aliments et le service sont l'affaire des autorités scolaires. Comme lundi 7 janvier l'enseignement scolaire a repris, tout au moins en partie, l'action, depuis longtemps envisagée, pourra bientôt commencer. Elle s'étendra en premier lieu à quelque 20.000 écoliers âgés de six à 14 ans, mais il est prévu que par la suite 150.000 enfants de Budapest pourront bénéficier de cette action d'alimentation. Une condition importante posée par le CICR pour la mise en oeuvre de cette action est que la contribution à payer par les parents soit fortement réduite.

4. Couvertures de laine.

Les livraisons du CICR ont permis à la Croix-Rouge hongroise de distribuer, jusqu'à présent, 5.000 couvertures de laine à des nécessiteux. En outre, sur demande de la Croix-Rouge hongroise, 8.000 couvertures de laine prélevées sur les entrepôts du CICR à Csepel, ont été délivrées directement à des hôpitaux. Enfin, en plus de ces deux distributions, le CICR a remis 27.000 couvertures de laine qui n'ont pas encore pu être réparties parmi la population. 30.000 couvertures américaines supplémentaires ont été entreposées ces jours-ci dans le dépôt CICR à Budapest.

5. Vêtements et chaussures.

Après aplanissement de grandes difficultés d'ordre personnel dans l'organisation du système de distribution de la Croix-Rouge hongroise,

qui ne permettait pas un tri rapide, l'action de distribution de vêtements et chaussures à la population nécessiteuse de Budapest a maintenant débuté. Jusqu'au 31 décembre 1956, le CICR a pu remettre à la Croix-Rouge hongroise 200.000 (env.) pièces de vêtements, dont 5.000 seulement ont été distribuées jusqu'à cette date. Par la création d'un second local de triage, on essaie d'accélérer le plus possible la distribution de vêtements.

6. Action charbon.

Jusqu'au 31 décembre 1956, le CICR a pu faire délivrer par l'entremise de la Croix-Rouge hongroise 1.352 tonnes de charbon aux hôpitaux de Budapest, ce qui a permis de remédier au manque critique de combustible, qui avait provisoirement forcé les hôpitaux à cesser presque complètement le chauffage.

7. Médicaments.

Les dons de médicaments d'un peu partout sont réunis, sous direction experte, à la Délégation de Vienne du CICR, où l'on procède à leur tri et leur entreposage. De l'entrepôt de Vienne on les expédie au dépôt CICR de Budapest, où se fait un second tri, minutieux, et d'où l'on remet à la Croix-Rouge hongroise au fur et à mesure de ses besoins, les remèdes qu'elle demande. Dans cette action de secours, la livraison d'insuline revêt une importance particulière. Après épuisement de tous les stocks en Hongrie et cessation de la fabrication de ce produit, le CICR assumait la tâche de repourvoir tout le pays de ce précieux médicament. Jusqu'à présent, il a été livré, en chiffre rond, 20.000 ampoules d'insuline et une livraison additionnelle de 20.000 ampoules également est en voie de préparation. Ces livraisons permettront à la Hongrie de "tenir le coup" jusqu'à ce qu'intervienne de nouveau sa propre production du remède en question, dont la fabrication a recommencé.

De divers côtés des bruits ont circulé comme quoi les médicaments livrés par le CICR à la Croix-Rouge hongroise n'auraient pas été acheminés dans la bonne direction. Le médecin en chef de l'action de secours à la Hongrie du CICR a pu se convaincre par des contrôles personnels, lors d'une visite à Budapest, que ces bruits ne correspondent pas aux faits et que les médicaments ont été acheminés dans la direction voulue.

Le 10 janvier 1957, pour la première fois, un transport direct de malades aux soins du CICR a été effectué de Budapest à Vienne. Pour

des transports de ce genre, il est nécessaire que le patient ait un passeport valable et le visa de sortie hongrois.

8. Action verre à vitres.

Pendant les combats, des centaines de milliers de carreaux ont été brisés à Budapest, ce qui est particulièrement grave en hiver et lorsque les possibilités de chauffage sont limitées. Dans ces circonstances, le CICR a jugé utile de livrer à la Croix-Rouge hongroise environ 5.500 m² de verre à vitres. Une nouvelle livraison est en voie de préparation, car Budapest manque encore de verre à vitres.

9. Actions de moindre importance.

A Noël, les dons reçus de partout par le CICR lui ont permis de remettre aux hôpitaux de Budapest, pour chaque malade, du chocolat et des fruits. Un autre programme de secours repourvut les hôpitaux de la même ville de films pour prises de vues radiographiques. On a pu constater les précieux services que rend l'équipement d'un hôpital de campagne danois utilisé dans une clinique universitaire de Budapest. Ces jours-ci, il a été remis à la Croix-Rouge hongroise, par l'entremise du CICR, cinq ambulances provenant des Pays-Bas.

Outre les actions de secours les plus importantes du CICR dont il est fait mention ci-dessus, de plus petits programmes sont constamment mis en oeuvre pour remédier à des situations urgentes.

10. Continuation des programmes de secours.

La continuation des programmes d'aide à la population hongroise est indispensable et une grande quantité de dons est nécessaire pour soulager les détresses les plus pressantes. Le CICR peut constater avec satisfaction que les dons en faveur de la population hongroise affluent sans cesse. Ainsi, ces jours derniers, il lui a été annoncé des Etats-Unis l'envoi d'en tout cinq millions de kg. de produits alimentaires, comprenant du lait, du fromage et du maïs, d'Angleterre, de quatre millions de kg. de lait condensé et d'Allemagne, de deux millions de kg. de matières grasses.

Annexe

ANNEXE

Total des Transports du CICR à Budapest
jusqu'au 10 janvier 1957

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Matériel sanitaire	118.709 kg
Divers	2.731.856 kg
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COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

ACTION SECOURS HONGRIE

Liste des marchandises qui ont été expédiées à Budapest jusqu'au 10 janvier 1957

<u>Vivres</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>Textiles et literie</u>	<u>Kg</u>
Pain	2.800	Vêtements mélangés	253,442
Beurre	26.762	hommes	57.053
Oeufs en poudre	300	femmes	41.810
Graisse	11.340,5	enfants	10.220
Conserves poisson	26.584		
Conserves viande	191.198	<u>Pièces</u>	
Fruits frais	29.946,5	Couvertures laine	71,790
Conserves fruits	150	Matelas	160
Conserves légumes	2.750	Lits	602
Biscuits	22.562	Lits complets	44
Semoule	14.400	Lingerie dame	2.616
Flocons avoine	5.901	Lingerie homme	2.042
Légumineuses	500		
Café	6.100	<u>Matériel sanitaire</u>	
Cacao	6.500	Antibiotiques	1.181
Pommes de terre	20.000	Insuline Ampoules 20.000	
Fromage	16,150	Plasma sanguin	2.192
Aliments pr.enf.	35.675	Pénicilline	1.492
Confiture	1.500	Huile de foie de morue	7.689
Lait condensé et		Médicaments	18.792
en poudre	615.378,5	Matériel de pansement	29.860
Jolis secours	12.900		
Conserves mélange	21.800	<u>Divers</u>	
Margarine	139.366	Verre à vitre 5.500 m ²	
Farine	1.927.436	Bougies	5.565
Fruits mélangés	1.400	Charbon	1.403.000
Aliments concentr.	1.330	Ustensiles cuisine	5.000
Ovomaltine	2.000	Savon	7.635
Riz	94.251	Jouets	5.513
Sel	9.100	Papier toilette	2.013
Sirop	3.013,5	Allumettes	1.500
Huile comestible	27.165	Tablettes vitaminées	2.575
Conserves soupe	7.865		
Chocolat	33.028		
Thé	2.410		
Pâtes alimentaires	9.486		
Sucre	119.905		

Ces marchandises représentent une valeur totale de 15 millions de francs suisses en chiffres ronds. La valeur des médicaments représente une somme supplémentaire de deux millions et demi de francs suisses.

DONATEURS :

I. Sociétés nationales de Croix-Rouge:

Afrique du Sud, Allemagne (République fédérale), Argentine,
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Danemark, Espagne, Ethiopie, Finlande, France, Grande-Bretagne,
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Les dons en provenance d'autres Sociétés nationales de Croix-Rouge,
annoncés au CICR mais transportés directement en Hongrie, ne
figurent pas dans cette statistique.

II. Gouvernements:

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III. Autres donateurs:

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RED CROSS REPRESENTS WORLD'S CONSCIENCE IN HUNGARIAN RELIEF EFFORT

Owing to the urgency and mammoth proportions of the Hungarian relief operation, The Red Cross Newsletter is devoting this issue to the part played in it by American Red Cross and the International Red Cross. The spontaneity in which the free world has responded to the human tragedy of the Hungarian people recalls Henri Dunant's immortal cry at Solferino: "All men are brothers!" The moving events of the past few weeks again and again have demonstrated the unique place occupied by the International Red Cross. It provides the machinery for translating man's concern for the welfare of his fellowman into practical action in his behalf.

There is no doubt that America's heart has been deeply moved by the Hungarian tragedy. Yet ARC's \$5 million emergency appeal is making slow progress. Many factors account for it, one being other fund appeals for the same cause. At the close of business on December 19, reported ARC campaign collections totaled \$2,957,818. On the same day a new appropriation brought the organization's commitment for Hungarian relief to more than \$2,500,000. -- EDITOR'S NOTE.

I. Inside Hungary

In Hungary the International Committee of the Red Cross is carrying out its traditional duties. It is the only international relief-distributing agency functioning within Hungary. Under an agreement (October 17) with the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Red Cross and through its acceptance as neutral intermediary, ICRC is continuing to maintain control of the distribution of all relief supplies entrusted to it for the Hungarian people by national Red Cross societies, United Nations, governmental agencies, and private organizations. All relief supplies from western countries are forwarded first to Vienna and then relayed to Budapest in Red Cross convoys under escort. These supplies are then stored in a central warehouse on the southern outskirts of Budapest under ICRC supervision. Distribution of these supplies by Hungarian Red Cross workers, again under ICRC supervision, is made with "strict impartiality and without discrimination whatsoever other than that of the needs of the persons to be assisted."

Despite ICRC delegates' close inspection, the mass feeding program in Hungary has been plagued by rumors of unfair distribution, which have been repeatedly denied by ICRC and other authoritative observers in Budapest.

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This program is designed for the winter. ICRC warned, however, that food in Budapest is not expected to last beyond mid-January and that contributions from the outside are urgently needed.

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II. Inside Austria

The League of Red Cross Societies, dependent on its affiliated member societies for operating expenses and relief supplies, is in Austria as a coordinating body, with Raymond T. Schaeffer, assistant to ARC President Ellsworth Bunker, as its chief delegate. League is now caring for 20,000 refugees in ten camps in Austria, the number of refugees to be increased to 35,000 about January 1.

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Refugee children in Austrian camps enjoyed a traditional Christmas as a result of the generosity of American youth and the youth of 16 other countries through Junior Red Cross. American Red Cross Children's Fund, made up of voluntary contributions from the nation's youth, sent \$40,000 to buy friendship parcels of new clothing for 2,000 young Hungarians. Each parcel included new shoes, overalls, gloves, stockings, a scarf and a hat, and a Christmas message in Hungarian. Another \$5,000 was donated for Christmas parties in refugee camps, the program including Nativity scenes, trees, decorations, candies, and toys. An additional \$20,000 from the American Children's Fund has been allocated to the League of Red Cross Societies toward an educational project.

RED CROSS CAMPS. The ten camps under League of Red Cross Societies' responsibility are being staffed through national Red Cross societies' providing teams of relief, welfare, nursing, and medical specialists. Vice President John C. Wilson has been impressed by the international co-operation in Austria, as disclosed in his letter of December 7: "The various Red Cross societies have truly been generous with their personnel and supplies. You see items from almost every country marked in some way with a Red Cross emblem. Our job here is truly an international one as far as Red Cross is concerned. The Finns, the Danes, the Norwegians, the West Germans, the British, the Swiss, the Canadians, and others are working together under the League with what is truly a terrific problem."

Camps operated by American Red Cross teams are located at Siezenheim near Salzburg, Speckbacher Kaserne near Hall, and Jaeger Kaserne near Imst, the latter two in the Alpine Tyrol region. (Kaserne means barracks.) The three camp directors are: James Lebedeff, field director, Pacific Area; Emil F. Lewis, director of Field Service in Georgia, Southeastern Area; and Robert Pierpont, director of Disaster Services, Eastern Area.

III. On to United States

Meanwhile, in addition to all its other commitments in the Hungarian relief program, American Red Cross responded swiftly to new demands upon its resources and personnel made by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's "Safe Haven" project announced on December 6. This involves the transfer of 21,500 Hungarian refugees to the United States in a few weeks by means of a gigantic airlift and sealift.

The plan was worked out by Tracy S. Voorhees, New York lawyer, the President's Coordinator for Hungarian Relief. After a series of conferences with Mr. Voorhees, ARC accepted new responsibilities and quickly mobilized volunteers and staff to provide needed services.

Approximately 7,000 refugees are departing from the West Germany port of embarkation Bremerhaven in three transport ships -- U.S.S. General Leroy Eltinge, the U.S.N.S. General W. G. Haan, and the U.S.S. Marine Carp. The rest of the refugees are being flown over by Air Force.

ARC has teams stationed at Munich Airport and at Bremerhaven to give a warm and reassuring welcome to the refugees in behalf of the American people. Teams include Hungarian-speaking ARC volunteers from the United States who greet refugees coming out of Austria bound for this country and brief them on what to expect at Camp Kilmer and in the United States in general.

Aboard each of the three transport ships is a team of four ARC staff assigned, in President Eisenhower's words, "in order to do all possible for the comfort and care of these homeless persons to whom the United States is giving asylum." Specifically, the ARC workers are providing clothing, toilet articles, recreational supplies, and other necessities.

First of the transport vessels to make the return trip to the United States with Hungarian refugees was the General Leroy Eltinge. United Press reported its departure from Bremerhaven on December 19 with 1,750 passengers -- 250 women and children and 1,500 young men. Aboard was a team of four American Red Cross workers: Harold Kase, New York Chapter, leader; Jerry Coron, Canton, Ohio; Miss Phoebe Steffey of national Office of Volunteers staff, and Lewis Cseh of New York Chapter, who speaks Hungarian. Also aboard the General Leroy Eltinge were American Red Cross supplies for refugee passengers.

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Melbern J. Robinson, assistant director, SMI, Midwestern Area, is leader on the General W. G. Haan, and Herbert Rummel of the New York Chapter staff, is leader aboard the Marine Carp. ARC also has reception teams at the Brooklyn docks where the refugees are disembarking and at McGuire Air Force Base near Wrightsville, in N.J., enroute to Camp Kilmer reception center.

Since the start of Hungarian flights across the North Atlantic air route, ARC field directors and teams of local volunteers have met all planes making stops at Keflavik Airport, Iceland; Goose Bay AB, Labrador; and E. Harmon AFB, Newfoundland. Other Red Cross staff and volunteers at three alternate landing fields are equipped -- and on the alert -- to help refugees whenever bad weather or an emergency necessitates an unscheduled stop. Cooperation of military personnel and dependents at U.S. bases have been outstanding. Similar ARC service is given in the Azores.

IV. At Camp Kilmer

At Camp Kilmer, near New Brunswick, N.J., clearing center for 21,500 Hungarian refugees, Red Cross has had a busy program underway since early November. Now working around the clock are 310 volunteer and staff workers under direction of Jack Henry, assistant manager of Eastern Area. ARC is chiefly concerned with meeting the refugees' immediate material needs and in helping the sponsoring agencies that have responsibility for resettling refugee families in American homes and jobs.

Many of the volunteers (from 31 neighboring New Jersey Red Cross chapters) speak Hungarian. This has contributed much to the smoothness of the operation. The refugees feel more at home when they can communicate in their own language.

Red Cross staff and Hungarian-speaking volunteers meet refugees in a lounge on their arrival at Camp Kilmer where light refreshments are served. Toilet articles are given to adults, Junior Red Cross gift boxes and soft toys to children. ARC is also providing underclothing and hosiery for women, socks for men and children, and sleeping garments for women and children.

From the beginning of Operation Mercy at Camp Kilmer, the U.S. Army has been receiving substantial quantities of used clothing for the Hungarian refugees. At the request of the camp's commanding general, Red Cross assigned volunteers to sort, size, and rack this clothing for distribution among the refugees.

Red Cross assists Army Special Services in recreation and entertainment. ARC counseling service by social workers is available to refugees but is supplemental to, and coordinated with, the work of the sponsoring organizations.

One of the important Red Cross services at Camp Kilmer is helping chapters to ascertain whether certain refugees are at the camp or have passed through it. ARC nation-wide telecommunications network is available to the refugees for messages to friends or relatives anywhere in the United States. Free long distance calls are placed to friends or relatives when located.

Red Cross chapter vehicles stand by all day and into the night to transport refugees to points of departure by plane, train, or bus when they are ready to leave the camp for their new homes and jobs. This service is performed on behalf of sponsoring agencies lacking transportation facilities of their own.

As a result of all these Red Cross services, and the help received from the military and sponsoring agencies, Hungarian refugees are forming a good impression of their American hosts. When they leave camp to take their places in American life, their hearts are filled with gratitude and hope.

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Dear Myer,

After a great deal of efforts on their and our part, the ICRC has finally transmitted just now the attached communication to the Secretary-General, together with a memorandum outlining the expanded relief programme for which they would be grateful to receive UN help. As this document has just reached me I have not even had time to look into it in details. However, I have seen that it does put together the conclusions which we have reached after our two hours meeting on Wednesday this week, at the ICRC, with MM. Boissier, Gallopin, Palthey and myself. I want this programme to reach you not later than Monday, and I am therefore putting it in the pouch as it is, but as soon as I have had time to study it I shall communicate with you if I have any comments which I would consider helpful for the understanding of the document.

I am sorry to deal in this same letter with another subject. After our discussion with the ICRC on Wednesday I have had a full day talk with Willy Meyer who, as you know, is the first to have had the delegation of ICRC in Budapest, having been released by Mr. Pate up to the end of this year to the Red Cross. He has just come back from Hungary last week and as from Monday will be in Paris in the UNICEF office. I think it would be useful, if Mr. de Seynes goes through Paris and if he has time to do so, for him to have a talk with Meyer before proceeding to Geneva.

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With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Pierre Obas
U.N. Liaison Officer for Relief to
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Genève, le 19 décembre 1956

Secours en Hongrie

La troisième partie du plan du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge pour la distribution de secours à Budapest s'applique depuis hier. Elle comporte la fourniture à 100.000 adultes de colis composés pour les besoins de deux semaines. La valeur nutritive de cet important appoint alimentaire est de 800 à 1.000 calories par personne et par jour.

Le ravitaillement continue de s'opérer par camions pour le transport des couvertures, du lait en poudre et du matériel léger, quant au charbon le trafic semble pouvoir s'établir normalement par chemin de fer. Un premier train de 22 wagons transportant notamment 375 tonnes de charbon et 150 tonnes de vêtements a pu parvenir à Budapest au début de la semaine.

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Hilfeleistungen an Ungarn

Die Ausführung des dritten Teils des vom Internationalen Komitee vom Roten Kreuz organisierten Plans für die Verteilung der Hilfssendungen in Budapest hat gestern begonnen. Er umfasst eine Lieferung für 100.000 Erwachsene: zusammengestellte Pakete, welche die Bedürfnisse von zwei Wochen decken. Der Nährwert dieser wichtigen Lebensmittel-Unterstützung beträgt zwischen 800 und 1.000 Kalorien pro Person und Tag.

Die Zufuhr von Lebensmitteln hält an; sie wird durch Lastwagen für den Transport von Decken, Milchkpulver und Leichtmaterialien ausgeführt. Was die Kohle betrifft, so scheint es, dass der Verkehr wieder normalerweise per Eisenbahn aufgenommen werden kann. Ein erster Zug von 22 Wagen, welcher 375 Tonnen Kohle und 150 Tonnen Kleidungsstücke mit sich führte, hat anfangs letzter Woche Budapest erreicht.

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Relief Action in Hungary

The third programme of the International Committee of the Red Cross for the distribution of relief in Budapest **started yesterday**. It consists of supplying food parcels containing a fortnight's ration to 100,000 adults. The food value of this important additional food ration is between 800 to 1,000 calories per head per day.

The sending of supplies is being continued by means of lorries for the transport of blankets, powdered milk and light equipment; as regards coal, the transport by rail is now, apparently, becoming normal. A first goods train of 22 trucks, carrying mainly 375 tons of coal and 150 tons of clothing was able to reach Budapest early in the week.



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Press Release No 554b

Geneva, 14 December 1956

The ICRC Relief Action in Hungary

The general strike which has affected Hungary during the last two days has not stopped the transport of Red Cross supplies between Vienna and Budapest. These have continued to move through Hungary at the planned rate under the direction of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Telephone communications between Geneva and Budapest have also been maintained.

The ICRC, at the suggestion of its general delegate, Mr. Rutishauser, has strengthened the organization for distributing relief supplies in Hungary by appointing three more delegates, all of Swiss nationality: Mr. Heinrich Bircher at Vienna and Mr. Ernst Fischer and Mr. Marcus Redli at Budapest.

The Hungarian doctors who are members of the Management Committee of the Hungarian Red Cross, have organized at Budapest under the direction of the ICRC a centre for distributing insulin to diabetics. To ensure the steady functioning of this centre the Hungarian Red Cross will need to receive every month 4,000 ampoules of 200-unit unmodified insulin and 30,000 ampoules of 200-unit protamine zinc insulin.



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JUNIOR RED CROSS MEMBERS OF 17 COUNTRIES GIVING CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR
PARCELS OF NEW CLOTHING FOR 6,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN
IN AUSTRIA

The League of Red Cross Societies announced here today that, in response to a special Christmas-New Year appeal, National Junior Red Cross Sections of 17 countries are giving parcels of new clothing, having an overall value of \$115,000, for six-thousand Hungarian refugee children in Austria. The Junior Red Cross, which is the world's largest organisation of school children, has as two of its principal programmes, service and international friendship and understanding.

The League's appeal, launched on the 7th of December to Junior Sections engaged in Hungarian relief projects, asked gifts for 5,000 child refugees. In the five days since, this project has not only been covered but increased by a full thousand. This will permit including in the distribution children arriving in Austria in the next several weeks.

The friendship parcels contributed by Junior Red Cross members from around the world will be distributed in the refugee camps on the 16th and 25th of December, by members of the Austrian Junior Red Cross, accompanied by their school teachers. The Christmas-New Year packages, valued at about \$20.-- each, will include for each child a pair of new shoes, an overall, a pair of gloves, stockings, a woollen bonnet and a scarf.

The National Junior Red Cross Sections participating to date in the League-sponsored project, and their respective gifts, are: Australia, parcels for 125 children; Belgium, for 250 children; Canada, 750 children; Finland, 250 children; France, 250 children; German Federal Republic, 650 children; Great Britain, 250 children; Italy, 150 children; Luxembourg, 125 children; Monaco, 100 children; The Netherlands, 250 children; New Zealand, 125 children; Norway, 250 children; Sweden, 250 children; Switzerland, 125 children; Turkey, 50 children; and the U.S.A. 2,000 children.

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The League of Red Cross Societies affiliates the world's 75 National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies, comprising collectively a membership of over 100 millions. Its object is to encourage and facilitate at all times the action of the National Societies for the prevention and alleviation of suffering.



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12 décembre 1956LA CROIX-ROUGE DE LA JEUNESSE DE 17 PAYS ENVOIE POUR LES FÊTES DE NOËL ET DE NOUVEL AN
DES COLIS DE VÊTEMENTS NEUFS DESTINÉS À 6.000 ENFANTS HONGROIS REFUGIÉS EN AUTRICHE

La Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge vient d'annoncer qu'en réponse à un appel spécial lancé à l'occasion des fêtes de Noël et du Nouvel-An, les Sections nationales de la Croix-Rouge de la Jeunesse de 17 pays fournissent en faveur de 6.000 enfants hongrois réfugiés en Autriche, des colis de vêtements neufs dont la valeur totale s'élève à près de fr.s.500.000.-. La Croix-Rouge de la Jeunesse, qui est la plus vaste organisation d'écoliers du monde, compte au nombre des principaux objectifs qu'elle poursuit, l'entraide ainsi que l'amitié et la compréhension internationales.

Pour son appel lancé le 7 décembre aux Sections de Jeunesse engagées dans des actions en faveur des secours des réfugiés hongrois en Autriche, la Ligue sollicitait des dons pour 5.000 enfants. Dans les 5 jours qui ont suivi, ce projet a non seulement été complètement réalisé, mais les fonds reçus jusqu'ici ont permis d'augmenter de près d'un millier le nombre des enfants bénéficiaires, ce qui rendra sans doute possible d'inclure dans la distribution, ceux qui pourraient encore pénétrer en Autriche au cours des prochaines semaines.

Ces colis de l'amitié, offerts par les membres de la Croix-Rouge de la Jeunesse, de tous les points du monde, seront distribués dans les camps de réfugiés les 16 et 25 décembre par des membres de la Croix-Rouge autrichienne de la Jeunesse, accompagnés de leurs maîtres.

Ces colis de Noël et de Nouvel-An, estimés chacun à environ Fr.s.80.-, comprendront pour chaque enfant: une paire de chaussures neuves, un survêtement (training), une paire de gants, des bas, un bonnet de laine et une écharpe.

Les Sections nationales de la Croix-Rouge de la Jeunesse participant jusqu'ici à cette action patronnée par la Ligue sont celles des pays suivants: République fédérale allemande, don pour 650 enfants; Australie, pour 125 enfants; Belgique, 250 enfants; Canada, 750 enfants; Etats-Unis, 2.000 enfants; Finlande, 250 enfants; France, 250 enfants; Grande-Bretagne, 250 enfants; Italie, 150 enfants; Luxembourg, 125 enfants; Monaco, 100 enfants; Norvège, 250 enfants; Nouvelle-Zélande, 125 enfants; Pays-Bas, 250 enfants; Suède, 250 enfants; Suisse, 125 enfants; Turquie, 50 enfants.

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Fédération universelle, la Ligue comprend les Sociétés nationales de la Croix-Rouge, du Croissant-Rouge et du Lion et Soleil Rouges, qui existent dans 75 pays et qui groupent plus de 100 millions de membres. Elle a pour principal objet de faciliter en tout temps l'action humanitaire des Sociétés nationales.

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From: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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29 DEC 1956

To: Mr. Georges Palthey
Deputy Director of the
European Office of the United Nations,
Geneva

Geneva, 7 December 1956

Sir,

We have the honour to refer to our agreement of 4 December 1956 on relief action in Hungary, and we hasten to give you the information in our possession both on the relief programmes we have undertaken and on the urgent requirements of the Hungarian population, in so far as they are known to us.

Our delegation at Budapest has, with the agreement of the Hungarian authorities, established three different assistance programmes, as follows:

- (1) From 4 or 5 December, distribution of milk and cod liver oil to 175,000 children under the age of six.
- (2) From 8 December, approximately, distribution of one hot meal per day to 50,000 children from six to sixteen years old, in the most badly damaged section of Budapest. The programme for children of this age-category will then be extended progressively so as to supply various foods to 150,000 children.
- (3) From the middle of December, the distribution each week of food packages for 100,000 persons in the following categories: shelterless persons, persons without support, the aged, disabled persons and families with more than four children.

These programmes will require assistance on a considerable scale. Our delegation states that in order to maintain them until the end of April the following amounts will be necessary:

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Powdered milk	3,437	tons
Cod-liver oil capsules	21,110,000	tons
Fats	545	tons
Meat, fish, cheese	1,375	"
Cereals	1,850	"
Sugar	545	"
Flour	1,900	"
Soap	90	"

As a supplement to the programmes listed above, other urgent assistance would be necessary, namely

Coal for hospitals, asylums, shelters, etc. at Budapest	36,000	tons
Woolen blankets	100,000	
Window glass	2,100	tons
Packages of diapers	10,000	

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The supplies now available will only last until about 15 January. In other words, further aid is urgent and essential.

It should further be pointed out that the action thus undertaken by the Red Cross will constitute only initial emergency assistance to those whose needs are most imperative, but will actually reach only about 4 per cent of the Hungarian population.

It is therefore necessary to consider immediately a very appreciable expansion of this assistance in the near future. In order that plans may be drawn up for this purpose, we propose to send you as rapidly as possible - probably within a week or ten days - at least an approximate statement of the most urgent general requirements.

We should also like to point out, that the unverifiable reports which have recently been circulating concerning the seizure by the Hungarian authorities of supplies belonging to the International Committee of the Red Cross or of political discrimination in the distribution of supplies, have proved to be entirely without foundation, following inquiries from our delegations in Vienna and in Budapest.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross is in a position to state that its representatives are in control of all the distributions of supplies, which it is carrying out with the assistance, in the final stages, of agents of the Hungarian Red Cross. If, at any time, it should appear that supplies are being diverted from their intended destination, the International Committee would not hesitate to suspend all distributions itself until such time as the necessary safeguards were restored.

We should be very grateful if you would kindly bring the above information to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) R. Gallopin
Executive Director
