

# HUNGARY IS FIRM IN GENERAL STRIKE

## Leaflets Posted in Budapest Are Token of Continuing Anti-Soviet Defiance

The following dispatch is the joint work of The Associated Press, Reuters and United Press correspondents remaining in Budapest, who pooled their efforts to get a report to Vienna.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Nov. 12 —Hungarians continued their hopeless fight against Soviet troops today while the entire nation clung grimly to a general strike.

Isolated groups of men fought on despite the threats and appeals of the Soviet authorities and the Hungarian Government.

Leaflets signed by "the Hungarian youth that goes on fighting" and calling for the "withdrawal of foreign forces and the reinstatement of the Imre Nagy Government" were handed out in the street.

"Do not work under the command of the occupiers and the illegal usurping Government," the leaflets said. "We shall ration our supplies and help each other, but we shall continue to strike. Let us show that in the fateful hours our nation is united."

"Our liberty and our honor are at stake. The eyes of the whole world are on us. We shall not retreat."

### Citizens Wander Streets

The leaflets were distributed as hundreds of thousands of Hungarians wandered amid the wreckage of their capital, refusing to work and ignoring the masses of Soviet armor and troops standing guard every few hundred yards.

The destruction of the city surpasses the most morbid imagination. During a walk of a mile along the outer ring of Pest, these correspondents saw not one habitable house. Every building on either side of the great avenue was wrecked, shattered, burned or roofless.

Former occupants poked and prodded the debris, looking for their lost possessions. Others used baby carriages, children's wagons or wheelbarrows to carry their pitiful belongings.

Scenes throughout the rest of the city were as bad or worse. The South Station in Buda was smashed. The square in front of the station was filled with overturned and burned railway cars that the rebels had used as barricades.

In many districts clouds of dust from pulverized buildings blotted out the bright autumn sunshine.

### Fighting Is Reported

There were reports that fighting was still going on Csepel Island, at the northern suburb of Ujpest and the Kobanya industrial district on the southeastern edge of the city.

In Moskva Square, like many other spots in the city, there were the sad remnants of paving stone barricades that had been smashed by Soviet artillery and tanks. Streets were strewn with street cars, wires, uprooted rails, millions of expended cartridges.

The only economic life in the Hungarian capital was in the operation of emergency food stores and a few Government textile shops.

Residents lined up for blocks to get their rations. Most poorer people have been reduced to a diet of bread, potatoes and cabbage. A few stand in line for hours to get a small portion of meat.

There was one outrage for which the Russians were unjustly blamed. A check at the children's clinic just behind the barracks showed the clinic, though pockmarked by thousands of small arms shots and mortar fragments, was still standing and none of the 300 or more children had been injured.

A convoy of fifteen trucks containing more than twenty-five tons of food and medicine arrived here from Vienna. Officials said distribution of the supplies would start tomorrow, with the International Red Cross supervising.

It was learned that two editors

of the youth newspaper Szabad Ifjusag, Imre Csatar and Imre Reti, and Prof. Tamae Nagy, dean of the Budapest Karl Marx University of Economics, were arrested yesterday when leaving the Yugoslav Embassy. All three are Communists. Szabad Ifjusag has not published since the Soviet Army launched its second attack against Budapest Nov. 4.

Budapest intellectuals, the clubs of writers, journalists, actors and teachers and youth organizations protested today at tumultuous meetings against the arrest of Professor Nagy and the two editors.

After the intervention of these intellectual groups the professor was released. The two editors were still held.

Posters signed "Workers of Budapest" were pasted up in Budapest, attracting huge crowds.