

Hungarian Immigration from Austria

| Country | total refugees | refugees per 100,000 pop. | per \$100million national income |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Austria | 88,536 left in camps | | |
| Australia | 5,757 | 61 | 61 |
| Belgium | 3,202 | 36 | 43 |
| Canada | 19,738 | 111 | 81 |
| France | 9,256 | 21 | 26 |
| West Germany | 11,593 | 23 | 39 |
| Italy | 3,822 | | |
| Israel | 1,751 | 95 | 187 |
| Netherlands | 4,500 | 42 | 72 |
| Sweden | 5,751 | 70 | 63 |
| Switzerland | 10,336 | 208 | 192 |
| United Kingdom | 20,530 | 40 | 48 |
| U.S.A. | 31,853 | 19 | 9 |

HUNGARIAN RELIEF PROGRAM OF IRC-VIENNA

(Photos now or presently available of all activities described)

The Vienna branch of the International Rescue Committee is sponsoring a half dozen schools and homes for Hungarian unaccompanied children and refugees. In addition, IRC-Vienna is still distributing average monthly cash relief of eight thousand dollars to approximately 1,500 refugees. A mobile library is carrying more than twenty-five hundred Hungarian books to refugees in camps. Other assorted activities of IRC-Vienna include the running of all 18 English and German language courses in Vienna, the publishing of 10,000 copies of a Hungarian-English vocabulary, a depot helping clothe some 1,000 refugees a month, a hostel for 50 refugees and support of the Knights of Malta in their scholarship, refugee information bureau and book purchase activities. There are 25 full or part-time employees of IRC-Vienna who are carrying out this program.

1) All told, since the Hungarian Revolution, some 6,000 Hungarian refugees, mostly professional people and students, have been in the little IRC office for counselling, help, and direct cash relief.

In addition, all of the 5,000 Hungarian refugee students, who have been in or passed through Austria, received cash-pocket-money from IRC from the time they arrived until March.

Finally, in the way of immigration, 1,700 refugees were processed and sponsored by IRC for immigration abroad. In the main part, these refugees went to the United States, but some were also sent to France, Switzerland, Sweden, West-Germany, and South America.

2) The IRC-run boarding school is located at Hainbach on its own 7 acres' site just one half hour from the center of Vienna. Accommodating

[Background material on IRC projects]

96,000

50,000

40 children, arrangements are now being made to look after an additional 35 children. The main building has 26 rooms and there are also a caretaker's cottage and a swimming pool. The purpose of the school is to relieve the general situation of young Hungarian escapees by getting them out of camps and to establish facilities for the education and care of those who need special therapeutic attention because of emotional instability.

The school is being staffed as follows: the director (Paul Heber, a Columbia University M.A., who is an experienced child guidance worker), a psychologist, two child therapists, 4 certified teachers, a couple who will fill the role of housekeeper and caretaker (their daughter is one therapist) a cook, a cook's assistant and two cleaning women. Of these 14 people, six will live on the premises and will share among themselves the responsibility of evening supervision.

During the course of summer, emphasis of instruction will be on teaching German and on getting the children accustomed to a well-balanced life. In the fall those children who are ready to do so will attend the local public school and receive additional tutoring in the home.

3) The Collegium Hungaricum at Kammer on the Attersee has the International Rescue Committee as its principal sponsor. The house itself, providing ample quarters for the 200 boys, is situated on the lake with a grassy beach extending to the lake shore. There is opportunity for bathing and most other outdoor sports.

In addition to putting up the original lump sum to get this school underway and a monthly contribution towards operating expenses, IRC is purchasing and assembling a school library of 1,500 volumes of textbooks and literature in English, French, and German.

5,000

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4) The International Rescue Committee runs a day nursery for up to forty Hungarian children (attendance varies from day to day) at Wickenburggasse 17, Vienna. This nursery takes care of infants and children up to 12 years of age while their mothers are working in Vienna, visiting consulates, getting their travel documents in order and the like. There is a Hungarian woman doctor on continuous attendance, assisted by 2 or 3 nurses. The nursery was formerly run by the American Embassy.

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5) The International Rescue Committee is a co-sponsor of the Dutch-run high school in Ilselberg, which opened on April 22, and provides excellent accommodations for 190 students and 40 staff members.

14,000
6) Together with the Liechtenstein Red Cross, IRC is co-sponsor of a girls' home at Schmalzhofgasse 24, Vienna VI, for 10 girls who are attending schools in Vienna.

10,000
7) IRC has sponsored and will support a home for 20 girls at Krugerstrasse 19, Vienna I, with the furnishing of the room and the lodging and partial board of the girls being provided by IRC.

This home is to be run by Caritas, the excellent Austrian Catholic Welfare organization.

5,000
8) The IRC hostel of the Maderpergerstrasse houses 50 Hungarians, with 2 to 4 people in a room. They are allowed to cook their meals here, and an attempt is made to keep the atmosphere pleasant. In addition to the daily supervision of a part time IRC employee, a regular member of the Vienna office visits the hostel every week to make sure it is running smoothly.

In addition, between November 2, 1956, and February 28, 1957, IRC Vienna underwrote and ran two hostels at Potzleinsdorf and Pfeilgasse, housing an average of more than 500 refugees a night for that period of time.

75,500 ✓
9) Perhaps the most ambitious scheme on which the International Rescue Committee has embarked is the Vienna students' home where a commodious, comfortable structure will provide decent, comfortable living and study quarters for 70 students. This students' home will be financed and run by IRC-Vienna.

12,000
10) The IRC is enabling the Knights of Malta who have done an excellent job throughout the whole Hungarian crisis, to give scholarships to 13 young men. These scholarships are awarded without regard to religious denomination. In addition, IRC is providing the Knights of Malta with the means to purchase books and is giving them additional financial support for the setting up of an Information Bureau.

20,000
11) The purchasing of Hungarian books for refugees in camps through the IRC Elizabeth Fund has now been under way for six months. Considerably more than 2,500 Hungarian books have been purchased and distributed to refugees in the camps in an endeavor to help alleviate the misery of their life. In most camps, IRC has contributed all the Hungarian books in the form of a standard library of Hungarian classics compiled and collected by IRC. Since the majority of refugees can only read Hungarian, this has fulfilled a tremendous need.

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The first mobile library for refugees, holding 1,000 books on 20 bookshelves, is transporting the IRC standard libraries to those camps that do not yet have them. Moreover, since the mobile library itself contains a much more comprehensive selection of the Hungarian books, including complete sets of standard authors, the classics, reference books and even an encyclopedia, it remains in each camp for a couple of days at a time. Then the refugees can browse through the mobile library at their leisure. While the mobile

library is in the camp, the driver-librarian makes sure that that particular camp's smaller IRC standard library is complete. Naturally, if any volumes are missing, they are replaced from a supply of duplicate volumes carried by the mobile library. The books are stored, sorted and indexed in the two ground floor rooms of the Elizabeth Fund Depot in the Wilczek Palace at Herrengasse 5, Vienna I. The mobile library itself is parked safely in the courtyard of the Wilczek Palace when it is in Vienna; its driver-librarian has her quarters looking out on this same courtyard.

12) Together with the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, IRC helped establish a 70-piece philharmonic orchestra that is housed at Baden just outside Vienna.

6,000

13) Together with the Trade Unions and Volkshilfe, the IRC is supporting a revolving fund which makes small interest-free loans to individual Hungarian refugees to buy the tools of their trade, set them up in business, etc., in order to integrate them into Austrian economic life. The rate of loss on these loans is less than 10%.

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16,000

By doing this an individual refugee and his family is enabled to become self-supporting and no longer a burden on the Austrian economy.

14) 10,000 copies of an introductory Hungarian English Grammar have been published by IRC and are being distributed to Hungarian refugees in Austria, principally to those in camps by means of the IRC mobile library. This IRC Grammar is written with special reference to the Hungarian revolution and with textual material of interest to the actual refugee today. Competent philologists consider this the best volume of its sort to have appeared since the revolution.

2,000

15) IRC is paying the rent and utilities at Wollzeile 7, Vienna I, for a Hungarian workshop and sewing enterprise that was started by

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by the American Embassy. Some 40 Hungarian women are usefully and profitably employed by it.

6,000
16) All English and German language training for Hungarian refugees in Vienna is now being run by IRC. There are some 350 refugees attending a total of 18 IRC classes.

1,000
17) The IRC clothing depot, originally opened in mid-January, has helped clothe more than 2,000 Hungarian refugees. Even now, 250 refugees a week go to the depot just across the Krugerstrasse from the IRC-Vienna office in order to get clothes.

18) Inside of Hungary itself the IRC is responsible for medical help in the form of drugs, an X-ray machine and Western language medical books and journals. This help is distributed through either the International Committee of the Red Cross or direct to hospitals themselves, thus ensuing that help goes to the actual Hungarians who are in need. IRC-Vienna has also sent 350 beds to a Hungarian refugee student camp in Yugoslavia as well as turning over to the Yugoslav Red Cross a large land rover originally contributed by IRC-Canada and is sending 2 Hungarian-language libraries to Hungarian refugee groups in Holland.

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May, 1957

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The IRC is a department of the High School in Innsbruck, operated by the State. It provides excellent accommodations for 120 students and 40 staff members. Our annual commitment is \$10,000 and suggested support would be \$5,000.

June 25, 1957

His Excellency, Dr. Augustus Lindt
United Nations High Commissioner
for Refugees
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

My dear Dr. Lindt:

Pursuant to a conversation on June 20th with Mr. McCollum of the Department of State, I am writing you about support for our program in Austria. I understand that you and Mr. McCollum are agreed on the general outlines of such support. Should we receive \$100,000. for specific IRC projects in Austria, we would immediately make available, through the Institute of International Education, the identical amount for scholarships to Hungarian students here in the United States.

Mr. McCollum and I agreed upon four projects in Austria which we felt IRC could submit for UNRREF support. Upon review of the budgetary allocations involved, it was found necessary to include three other projects, making a total of seven. They are herewith briefly outlined and tentatively submitted:

1. An IRC boarding school located at Hainbach, approximately 30 minutes from the center of Vienna. The purpose of the school is to relieve the general situation of young Hungarian escapees by getting them out of camps and to establish facilities for education and care of those who need special therapeutic attention because of emotional instability. The main building has 26 rooms and there are also a caretaker's cottage and a swimming pool. We have budgetted \$100,000 on this project over the next twelve months and would appreciate assistance to the extent of \$45,000.

2. The Collegium Hungaricum at Kammer on the Attersee has the IRC as its principal sponsor. It is operated by CARITAS. The house itself, providing ample quarters for the 200 boys, is situated on the lake with a grassy beach extending to the lake shore. There is opportunity for bathing and most other outdoor sports. In addition to putting up the original lump sum to get this school underway and a monthly contribution towards operating expenses, IRC is purchasing and assembling a school library of 1,500 volumes of textbooks and literature in English, French, and German. We have allocated \$20,000 annually for this operation and \$10,000 would be considered suitable for support from your office.

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7. The Community of Vienna is contributing the land for comfortable living and study quarters for 70 students. Envisaged are one-story wooden structures. Our annual commitment for this Students Home is \$52,000 and suggested support would be \$25,000.

Although I understand that we are all in agreement in principle, necessary steps must be taken to implement the plan. Consequently, will you notify me what should be done by this organization, either by our staff in Vienna or Geneva, to get the project under way. As soon as I receive notification from you that these funds are being transferred, I will release an equal amount to the Institute for International Education for the pressing needs of the Hungarian students here.

Respectfully yours,

Angier Biddle Duke
President

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cc.: Mr. Voorhees ✓
Mr. McCollum
Mr. Carter
Mr. Dawson

July 30, 1957

Mr. Kenneth Holland
Institute of International Education
1 East 67th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Holland:

Please find enclosed copies of letters exchanged between Mr. Lindt and myself. I am sending these to you in order to give you a picture of our progress on the project to make available to you funds equivalent to the sums granted to certain IRC projects in Austria by the High Commissioner.

We are writing today to the High Commissioner since his counter-proposal to grant a sum of \$25,000 to CARITAS, Vienna, is not clear. The other details are being worked out in Vienna and Geneva.

We hope to be able to make funds available to the Institute of International Education in the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Angier Biddle Duke
President

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August 1, 1957

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EUROPEAN OFFICE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The enclosed correspondence between Mr. Angier Biddle Duke and Dr. Augustus Lindt should have been included with the copy of letter to Mr. Kenneth Roberts mailed to you yesterday. It was omitted in error.

23 July 1957

Dear Mr. Duke,
International Rescue Committee

of 22 July, I have
agreed in principle to the proposals made by Mr. McCollum and you
concerning the takeover by my Office of certain
Hungarian refugees in Austria.
projects for

After consultation with my representative in Austria and with Mr. John Alexander-Sinclair of your Office, I would like to propose the following procedure.

My Office will make a grant of \$10,000 directly to the secondary school at Kammer, Upper Austria, operated by Caritas, in lieu of your commitment.

A grant of \$25,000 shall be made to Caritas, Vienna, for a project to be devised, instead of the student home on the Kahlenberg. The Ministry of the Interior of Austria has felt that the original project was not suitable and we suggest that an alternative project be submitted. This amount will also be paid directly to Caritas, Vienna.

For the other projects allocations shall be paid to your organisation in respect of the following projects:

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| Wickenburggasse : | 5,000 |
| Iselsberg : | 5,000 |
| Knights of Malta : | 5,000 |
| Krugerstrasse : | <u>5,000</u> |
| Total : | \$ <u>65,000</u> |

When appropriate agreements for these projects have been drawn up funds shall be released and I would suggest that the details be worked out by our respective staffs in Vienna and Geneva. However, this commitment should enable you to make funds available through the Institute for International Education for scholarships to Hungarian students in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Angier Biddle Duke
President,
International Rescue Committee, Inc.
255 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.,
U.S.A.

A.R.Lindt

[first enclosure with note of August 1, 1957]

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Palais des Nations
GENEVE

Ref. No. G XV 13/129 PRO/Y

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[second enclosure with note of Aug. 1, 1957]

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Respectfully yours,

Angier Biddle Duke
President

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7/31/57 - from White House (Miss Malarty)

Lindt reply to Duke re financing \$100,000. of IRC projects in Austria enabling IRC to devote equal amount for refugee scholarships in U.S. reported by Duke as being reasonably firm as to only \$65,000. Urgently need cable from High Commissioner to IRC confirming commitment for full \$100,000 to enable IRC to make commitment to IIE for full amount. Success of scholarship program depends on IIE having firm assurance for full amount soonest. Otherwise existing scholarship offers may be lost. Detailed project support can be worked out subsequently. Voorhees will call you Thursday A.M. Washington time.

Note: Harry hasn't talked to State as yet - 1515

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Duke

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Thye - Forsythe

Stenberg of IRC

10,000 check today

2 others to Treas today 16,000

4th to go in next week 6-7000

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& from State confirmed in substance
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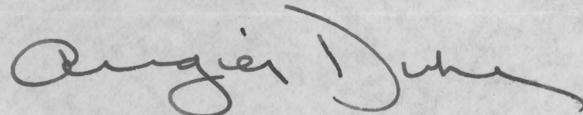
The Honorable Tracy Voorhees
Metropolitan Club
17th and H Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

This is to inform you that I have received a cable from Geneva today indicating that a formula has been arrived at for the making of a grant to the International Rescue Committee by the U. N. High Commissioner.

I believe this will make it possible for us to transfer the funds to the Institute of International Education in the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,


Angier Biddle Duke
President

cc.: Mr. R.S. McCullum
Mr. Larry Dawson
Mr. Kenneth Holland

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August 8, 1957

Mr. Tracy S. Voorhees
20 Exchange Place
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

Thought you would like to have
a copy of the enclosed letter for your
files.

Sincerely yours,

Angier Biddle Duke
Angier Biddle Duke
President

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Enclosure

August 8, 1957

Mr. Richard C. Raymond, Director
Hungarian Student Program
Institute of International Education
1 East 67th Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd.

For the record, Mr. Duke has asked me to inform you that the International Rescue Committee will make available to the Institute of International Education the equivalent of grants received by the IRC from the U.N. High Commissioner, which will relieve the IRC of financial obligations for certain Austrian projects. The High Commissioner has agreed in principle to making grants totalling \$100,000 and as soon as these grants pass through our books we will be pleased to turn over the equivalent amount to the Institute of International Education for scholarship aid to Hungarian students.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a check for \$15,000 representing another installment on reimbursements which we received from the United States Escapee Program for inland travel of refugees. It is our understanding that this \$15,000 will be used for scholarships for Hungarian students.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. MacAlister
Executive Director

RJM:mlm
Enclosure

[enclosure in letter of August 8, 1957]

Metropolitan Club
Washington 6, D.C.

August 14, 1957

Honorable Angier Biddle Duke
President, International Rescue Committee
255 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Angier:

A telephone call has just come in from the Institute of International Education saying that they now have a firm commitment from IRC for the \$100,000; also, that they have received in total two checks for \$25,000, representing moneys equivalent to those received by IRC for domestic transportation of refugees.

Accompanying this word is the good news that we apparently now have substantially enough scholarships to meet the need and enough funds to supplement the scholarships with the requisite maintenance. This is a splendid accomplishment. The generous cooperation of IRC has been a very important part of it, and without it this result could not have been achieved. My gratitude goes to you and to IRC for all this.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNED

Tracy S. Voorhees

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August 15, 1957

The Honorable Tracy S. Voorhees
Metropolitan Club
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Dear Mr. Voorhees:

For your information, please find enclosed telefaxed copy of a letter received today from Mr. Lindt, dated August 12.

I want to thank you for your very kind letter of August 14. It is gratifying to know that we have been instrumental in bringing help to Hungarian refugee students in the United States.

Your devoted work in the field has been an inspiration to everybody.

Yours very truly,

Angier D.
Angier Biddle Duke
President

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12 August 1957

Dear Mr. Duke,

In my letter to you of 23 July 1957, I outlined a certain procedure for financing the projects for Hungarian refugee youth in Austria, which have been taken over by my Office.

As to the request of Mr. John Alexander-Sinclair, I have now agreed to amend this procedure as follows:

My Office will now make a grant of \$ 45,000 direct to the school at Hainbach in lieu of your commitment, and will make an appropriate agreement with the Administration of that school.

Grants amounting to a total of \$ 55,000 in respect of the remaining 6 projects will be made direct to the IRC as soon as the appropriate agreement for each project has been signed by our two organisations.

I have instructed my Branch Office in Vienna to contact your Office there for the formulation of a new project to take the place of the Kahlenberg project, one of the 6 projects referred to above, for \$ 25,000 which the Austrian Ministry of the Interior felt was not suitable.

Sincerely yours,

A.R. Lindt
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Mr. Angier Biddle Duke,
President,
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255, Fourth Avenue,
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Washington 6, D.C.

August 14, 1957

His Excellency, Dr. Augustus Lindt
United Nations High Commissioner
for Refugees
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Lindt:

I have just received word that it will be possible in the near future for the International Rescue Committee to transfer funds to the Institute of International Education for use in connection with the scholarship program for promising university students among the Hungarian refugees.

It is my understanding that this has been made possible by your cooperative action in sharing with IRC certain of the latter's undertakings for the refugees in Austria. This means that we will have enough funds to supplement the scholarships with the requisite maintenance funds. I am very grateful to you for all that you have done to aid us in accomplishing this result.

Very sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Tracy S. Voorhees

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23 August 1957

Dear Mr. Voorhees,

I thank you very much for your letter of 14 August, 1957, and I am indeed delighted to know that, due to the fact that my Office is taking over some of the commitments of the International Rescue Committee in Austria, it will be possible for that Organization to supplement the scholarships for University students among Hungarian refugees with the requisite funds for maintenance. You know how much importance I attach to all programs for Hungarian University students.

It is with pleasure that I recall our conversation in the White House, and I hope very much to have an opportunity of meeting you again during this autumn, when I shall be in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. R. Lindt", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

A. R. Lindt

The Hon. Tracy S. Voorhees,
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