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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN HUNGARY
(All from official Radio KOSSUTH unless specified)

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20 DECEMBER

- 0600 On December 18 agronomists of machine stations held a national conference, at which the reduction of the staff of the machine stations was discussed. In all probability 2900 agronomists and 1200 technicians will lose their job.
- 1005 According to NEPAKARAT on December 19 Ferenc NEZVAL, chief of the Ministry of Justice, reported on the situation. He announced that in future independent jurisdiction will be guaranteed. He also announced that political investigation sections will be organized within the police.
- NEPSZABADSAG attacks Miklos DREXLER, Deputy Minister of Health, because he served the RAKOSI regime, persecuted Communists after October 23, and is still in position.
- NEPAKARAT demands that the government should extend the time limit of receiving duty free gift parcels until June 1, 1957.
- 1210 The government passed a resolution on the setting up of an information bureau which will provide the press with information and issue newspaper licences. The government also proposes to set up a consultative body composed of newspaper experts.
- 1510 The PET Nitrogene Works and the FUZFO factories are sending workers to the VARPALOTA coalmines.
- 1515 Several thousand workers from the uranium mines around PECS are directed to coalmines. Only maintenance work is carried out in the uranium mines.
- 1710 In the CSONGRAD Furniture Factory the number of administrative staff has been reduced to half.
- 1730 In the villages round GYOR the peasants refuse to pay tax. In some places even the income tax forms have been burnt. (Radio GYOR.)
- 1735 The majority of farmers' cooperatives in county Borsod have been liquidated. Here too the peasants refuse to pay tax. (Radio Borsod.)
- 1940 In the DOROG mines the larger part of the coal picked is taken home by the miners.
- 1945 This morning the workers' councils of the eight largest ZUGLO factories held a meeting. They proposed that unemployed workers should be engaged by the mining and building industry and in public works.
- 2000 Two BUDAPEST universities sent an appeal to all Hungarian university students demanding them not to escape to the West as the cause for which they fought is not yet lost. (Radio HOMELAND.)

- 2005 The government appointed commissioners at the head of BUDAPEST transport and Hungarian shipping.
- 2007 The Presidium refused the clemency plea of two persons condemned to death. They have been executed. The death sentence of three condemned persons has been changed to life-long imprisonment.
- 2015 On December 18 24,700 tons of coal was produced in the whole country. (Radio HOMELAND.)
- 2016 Today's issue of NEPSZABADSAG attacks RFE and BBC. (Radio HOMELAND.)
- 2400 The KECSKEMET martial court sentenced two persons to 14 and 15 years' imprisonment respectively for unlawful possession of arms. (Pal BOLYA, sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, was a political officer in the army.)