

## ECONOMIC REPORTS

### Transport and Communications

The Railways' Fuel Position: Jozsef Nemeth, Director-General of the Hungarian State Railways, said in a radio interview that railways had 50 days' stock of fuel. They did not expect to have any difficulty with coal this winter. In the past, heating in trains had been inadequate because engine drivers had been trying above all to economise with coal. But this form of coal economy would not be permitted this winter and new or reconditioned stoves would be provided in all waiting rooms. (Budapest 18.00, 13.9.57)

No More Goods Trucks for Passengers: Goods trucks will be gradually withdrawn from railway passenger services as from 15th September, and no passengers will be carried in goods wagons when the winter time-table comes into operation, unless exceptionally heavy traffic makes it necessary to use them for a day or two. (Budapest 20.00, 13.9.57)

Bridge Building on the Zagyva River: A bridge carrying a concrete roadway and having a steel structure was recently opened on the river Zagyva at Zagyvarekas. A bridge to carry a main road is at present being built across the Zagyva at Szolnok and should be ready next year. A new bridge being built at Malomhid, County Szolnok, will employ concrete bridge structures imported from Rumania. A new bridge across the Zagyva is to be built shortly at Jaszfelszeszentgyoergy by request of the population of Jaszfelszeszentgyoergy, Pusztamonostor and other neighbouring villages. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 05.30, 15.9.57)

New Tug Launched: The largest tug ever built in Hungary, the Eger, has been launched in Budapest. She is 56 m. long and eight m. wide and is powered by two eight-cylinder Lang diesel engines. (MTI 10.9.57)

New Storage Depot for Csepel: 'Nepszabadsag' describes plans for a giant depot at the Csepel Free Port. The depot is to be used for transit goods and will have a capacity of 3,000 wagon-loads. It would include a seven-storey refrigerated store and should be ready by 1960. (MTI 6.9.57)

Port Improvements at Rijeka: Hungary has concluded a 4,500,000-dollar contract with Yugoslavia for work on expanding the port of Rijeka. Hungary's contribution to the programme would include cranes, marine tugs, barges, diesel engines and railway engines. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 19.00, 7.9.57)

Air Traffic through Budapest: As from 6th October several Western airlines are to route their lines through Budapest and some of the fastest aircraft in the world will be landing at Ferihegy Airport (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 19.00, 12.9.57). As from 8th October there will be regular flights by "TU-104" aircraft between Moscow and Budapest. The flight will be once a week - on Tuesdays (Budapest 16.00, 7.9.57).

Domestic Fuel Supplies: In a radio interview the Director of the fuel trading enterprise TUEKER, Lajos Ladanyi, said that his firm was delivering some 15 per cent more fuel than last year: some 16,000-17,000 wagon-loads more would be distributed between 1st April and the end of September than during the same period in 1956. Budapest used 160,000 wagon-loads of fuel a year. There would be enough fuel for all blocks of flats with central heating and about 60 per cent of their needs had already been delivered. A first delivery of firewood will be made to every householder by the middle of October at the latest. (Budapest 18.00, 6.9.57)



Recovery at Nagylenyél: As a result of the efforts made by technicians at the Nagylenyél oilfield oil is again being raised from a growing number of the wells which became waterlogged there in recent years. Several new wells have also been put into service. A few days ago a well yielding oil without the use of a pump went into production and a stratum of oil-bearing limestone - new in the history of Nagylenyél - has been found there. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 05.30, 8.9.57)

New Open-cast Coalmine: The miners of the Buckkaija region are opening up a new open-cast coalmine near Sajolászlofalva. The work of opening up is entirely mechanical and production, also by mechanical means, should start at the end of October. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 05.30, 15.9.57)

#### Other Economic and Technical Points

Improved Conditions at Inota: Six-hour shifts have been worked for over a year now at the aluminium smelting works in Inota where there are fumes detrimental to health. Absenteeism has fallen to 10 per cent of what it was last year. The income of the workers has remained unchanged and recently varied from 1,100 to 1,700 forints a month on an average. Six-hour shifts will also be introduced at the alum earth works as from 1st October. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 19.00, 13.9.57)

Production of Argon Gas: The Budapest Oxygen Works is now able to produce argon gas which has hitherto been imported from abroad. Argon is used to fill electric bulbs. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 19.00, 14.9.57)

Perlite Found: 'Gazdasági Figyelő' reports that the continent's most important perlite deposits have been found in County Borsod. The geologist Emil Scherf, who has been in charge of the prospecting work, estimates that the deposits, which are near Holloháza and Telkibánya, will supply Europe's building industries with perlite blocks for centuries. (MTI 16.9.57)

Budapest Housing: According to 'Nepakarat', 1,652 new flats will be built in Budapest this year, and 91 per cent of those damaged will be made habitable again. The number of new flats built will be only about a third of the number built in previous years, because of the damage done by the counter-revolution. In the first half of this year office premises sufficient to provide 1,277 flats of 1, 2 or 3 rooms have been released and by the beginning of September 3,441 buildings damaged in the counter-revolution were repaired. The shortage of galvanised iron has slowed down the work and the City of Moscow's gift of 2,000 tons of this material, 200 tons of which has already arrived, has greatly eased the situation. (Hungarian information service 13.9.57)

Television Development: 'Nepakarat' says that 120,000 television sets will be marketed in three years. To provide good reception throughout the country eight relay stations are being planned and survey work on the country's highest mountains is now in progress. The relay stations will also serve to pick up programmes from Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland and Yugoslavia. (Hungarian information service 6.9.57)

Importance of Local Initiative in Agriculture: Addressing a conference of agricultural experts convened by the PPF to discuss the Party's theses on agriculture, Andras Magyar, First Deputy Minister of Agriculture said that they must not expect the Government Assistance with the realisation of every single project, but must try to carry them out locally, with local resources and on local initiative. (Budapest 20.00, 13.9.57)