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RED CROSS DESPATCHES INITIAL COAL SHIPMENT FOR BUDAPEST HOSPITALS

(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people)

A third International Red Cross relief convoy -- transporting 45 tons of coal for Budapest hospitals -- left Vienna this morning for the Hungarian capital. Other coal shipments are foreseen for the near future, and it is hoped to be able to assemble a supply of 1,000 tons for this purpose.

Under the tripartite agreement concluded last weekend between the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Hungarian Government and Red Cross Society, a special ICRC delegate, Mr. Willy Meyer, left with today's convoy as has staff for establishing necessary warehousing and transport facilities in Budapest. The latter is comprised of a number of technicians of Swiss nationality, recruited by the Swiss Red Cross, at the request of the ICRC.

Accompanying Mr. Meyer is Dr. John Philipson, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the League of Red Cross Societies by the Swedish Red Cross, who will serve as a liaison officer between Budapest and the Red Cross' Vienna supply and distribution centre.

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