

"SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, May 9 (Reuters) - Hungarian refugees today entered the third day of a hunger strike at nearby camp Roeder with a declaration they will continue until the United States reconsiders a decision to end its emergency refugee program. Even sick men in the camp refused to eat their noon meal today. Only pregnant women and children under 12 took food. A number of older refugees suffering from exhaustion were taken to the hospital. The refugees sent the following resolution to the American Refugee Help Organization and the Salzburg Provincial Government: 'The whole world knows what are the causes for our six months long, tragic, bewildering and hopeless plight. It is known that we left all we had in tens of years earned by the sweat of our brow in our fatherland and became homeless. Not only so that we Hungarians could have a free country but also so that the whole free world could live quietly and in peace, we began our fight for liberty in October 1956. Our greatest trust was in the United States of America. Our hope to find a new homeland there has, however, been disappointed, for the United States has dealt with us only superficially. We, therefore, call upon all decent Hungarian refugees, homeless we are, who have sympathy with us, to go on hunger strike.'"

"The resolution continued: 'We Hungarians are prepared sooner to die of hunger than to continue to live in the uncertain conditions forced on us by the Americans. Many people took part in the revolution in Hungary who had no relatives in the United States and some who had lung disease. These fought just as much and many of them died just as bravely in the interests of the free world. Our request is that the United States should accept every Hungarian refugee wanting to go there without question of whether they have relatives there, and without question of the day on which they arrived in Austria or whether they have lung disease or not. We shall not end our hunger strike until we get from Washington a ~~satisfactory~~ satisfactory reply and the transport of refugees has begun again according to our request. Since early this morning strike pickets roamed the camp kitchens. Most of the refugees spent their time lying on their beds to preserve their strength on the advice of camp doctors. Some 50 young 'freedom fighters' wanted last night to stage a sitdown strike before the camp headquarters but were persuaded against it when told the Austrian camp administration could do nothing. With Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt expected to visit Salzburg next weekend, the refugees are preparing to send a delegation to see her to ask when emigration to the United States will begin again. The refugees have also published a resolution to 'all lovers of liberty in the world' asking for help in getting the United States - 'which has great expanses of land at its disposal and for whom the taking in of a few thousand Hungarian refugees cannot mean any great burden'--to relent."