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RFE Monitoring, Vienna:

The local radio stations this morning all reported the workers' decision to continue the strike, with the exception of certain work in power plants and mines, so as to help hospitals.

Miskolc reports that only workers provided with permits issued by the workers' council ~~are~~ shall be allowed to enter factories.

Maintenance work is reported at the Diosgyor plants, the DIMAVAG. Production ~~machines~~ has not been taken up in the cement factory of Hejoscsaba, nor at the construction work of Kazinczbarcika and Tiszapalkonya

Radios Szolnok and Pecs also report continued strike, with a small percentage of workers carrying on work to provide hospitals and power plants with fuel, respectively electricity.

The workers of the Kovagoszollo and Bakonya uranium plants refuse to return to work before some positive results are achieved concerning their demands.

Maintenance work is reported going on in the factories of Gyor and the Tatabanya coal mining trust. (The latter has shipped 200 tons of coal for the use of Budapest hospitals, and one waggon to Gyor).

Radio Kecskemet reports that the MAV workers' council has authorized two trains to run to Budapest, respectively to Pecs, with the Pecs waggons returning with coal. Similar reports were issued by Radio Szeged.

According to a report issued by the Budapest central workers' council, ~~work~~ work in Budapest factories is carried out exclusively where Hungarian armed forces have occupied the plants and forcing the workers to work. (e.g, Egyesult Izso, Beloianisz, Gamma, etc.) Only maintenance work is being carried out in the Csepel Plants, with only 25% of the workers working in six-hour shifts. Even with this low percentage, the raw material and energy supply is sufficient only for some four days. The Hungarian armed forces have set up labor groups - compiled of disarmed Honveds - put at the disposal of Budapest's communication organizations to repair damage to the various trolley-car cables, etc. - The gas factory reports restriction in gas in Kelenfold, Ujpest, as well as the 7th, 8th and 21st district, where gas is provided only between 6 - 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Heating with gas is forbidden.

The Budapest armed forces have started production this morning in the coal mines of Pilisvorosvar and Piliscsaba. The workers' councils of both mines have protested against these measures by the armed forces.

The Dorog coal mines are shipping 200 tons of coal to Budapest, for the use of the power plants and hospitals.

The Budapest executive committee reports that its delegates shall to-day again resume negotiations with the Kadar-regime.

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EVALUATION COMMENT:

This report confirms the impression gathered also from the broadcasts of the KADAR clique that the miners are the firmest in the resistance against the puppet regime. Their attitude is in contrast with at least a part of the BUDAPEST workers' council which presses the workers for the resumption of work.

The strike situation concerning the provincial areas is in line with information from other sources, but the part of this report concerning the report issued by the BUDAPEST central workers' council (para 8) should be regarded with caution. So far the BUDAPEST workers' council invited the workers to resume work and did not acknowledge that this invitation was not followed in the factories.

The resumption of negotiations between the KADAR group and the BUDAPEST central workers' council is confirmed.

The workers of the Kővágányi and Bányászati üzemek plants refuse to return to work before some positive results are achieved concerning their demands.

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