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BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES RESTORED

100 BRIDGES, OVERPASSES RESTORED IN 1ST YEAR OF THE 5-YEAR PLAN -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 5 Oct 50

The construction of nearly 100 bridges and viaducts has been projected for the first year of the Five-Year Plan. Most important of these is the Stalin Bridge in Budapest, connecting Obuda and Angyalfold, which will be completed for the 7 November holiday. Reconstruction of the Boraros-teri Bridge in Budapest has also begun. When finished, the reconstructed bridge will be more modern, wider, and will have greater capacity than the old bridge. Among others, the Sajo Bridge at Miskolc and the Hernad Bridge at Pere will be opened to traffic this year. To ease increased rail and highway traffic, so-called "death crossings" will be eliminated by the construction of overpasses. Work will be begun on four such overpasses this year.

Modern methods are being employed in the construction of these bridges and the first aluminum and the first prefabricated ferroconcrete bridges will soon be completed.

1,378 BRIDGES RESTORED -- Budapest, Friss Ujsag, 5 Oct 50

During the course of the war, a total of 27,500 linear meters of bridges were destroyed in Hungary. All bridges across the Danube and the Tisza rivers and 90 percent of all bridges over 50 meters long were destroyed. To date, 1,378 bridges, totaling 25,176 meters, or 91.5 percent of the bridges destroyed, have been rebuilt.

TISZA RIVER BRIDGE DEDICATED AT POLGAR -- Budapest, Nepszava, 3 Oct 50

On 1 October, the highway bridge over the Tisza at Polgar was dedicated. The bridge which it replaces was destroyed on 1 November 1944. Construction of the 293-meter bridge was begun 3 years ago. Foundation and construction materials were manufactured at Ozd, Diosgyor, and at the Ganz Shipyards. Thirty

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percent of the ruins of the old bridge were utilized in the new construction. The 900-ton superstructure was completed by Hungarian Iron, Steel and Machinery (MAVAG) workers in 90 days, one month ahead of the estimated date.

On 1 October, a highway-railroad overpass was also dedicated at Nyekladhaz, 3 months ahead of schedule. It was built for 25,000 forints under the estimated cost.

With the completion of these two structures, there is a direct connection between the expanding industrial area of Borsod County and the new irrigation developments of the trans-Tisza region.

SPEED RAIL TURNOVER FOR BEET CROP -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 4 Oct 50

The Pecs office of the Hungarian National Railroad (MAV) has prepared for the successful collection of the sugar-beet crop by arranging undisturbed traffic for the two sugar factories in its area, at Ercsi and Kaposvar. The beets arrive at the factories on through-trains and the cars are speedily unloaded and returned within 24 hours, or at the most 48 hours. This is helping to reduce the national average of turnover time for freight cars.

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