

# Revolution Torn Hungarian Couple, 3 Children Reunited

By ALICE GREEN

ALBERTON — Excited a group happy beyond words, yet frightened to themselves, believe it could really be true, Mr. and Mrs. Andras Halpas of Alberton were at the crack of dawn Halifax airport to meet two of the children they have not seen for more than seven years.

Joseph Halpas, who will be ten in October, and Ferenc who will be eight in June, accompanied by their mother, grandmother, Mrs. Erzsabet Szabo, were scheduled to leave the Halifax airport by air on Saturday for London where they would spend the night before boarding another plane for Canada.

For the Halpas Flight 201 across the Atlantic from London to Halifax on Sunday, May 3, 1964, was the most important one ever made. It was due at 2:45 p.m. Joseph was only two when they last saw him and their baby Ferenc was only seven months.

Who can describe what is in the hearts of these young patriots? Only one thing keeps their cup of joy from overflowing. They must wait a little longer to see their oldest child and only daughter, eleven year old Maria. There has been some delay in securing her passport but she will be coming later.

ESCAPES — The separation came about as a result of the Hungarian revolution. When Andy and Maria Halpas decided they must escape from their native country they left their two little sons with Maria's mother in Mohacs and little four year old Maria went to live with Andy's parents in Nyirvedras.

They left home in mid-January 1957 and were turned back twice before they succeeded in crossing the border into Yugo-Slavia where they were placed in a

refugee camp which was the only kind of abode they would know for nearly a year.

For the first few weeks they were together, then men and women were placed in separate buildings and husbands and wives could see each other only every second day. Andy's accommodation was in what had formerly been a factory. He was one of 500 men who lived and slept in one huge room.

Maria lived in a former school where she shared a room with five other women. At mealtime the refugees took their dishes and lined up to receive soup, black coffee and a slice of bread. The food was poor and inadequate. They were always hungry.

ALWAYS HUNGRY — At the end of a month the site of the refugee camp was changed to pleasant surroundings at a tourist resort. Here husband and wife shared a room and they had better meals. But soon the tourist season reopened and the refugees were moved to another part of the country.

For close to nine months they lived in a large building which about eighty people — men and women — shared a room. The complete lack of privacy was embarrassing and humiliating but they learned to live with it. Here again the food was insufficient and of poor quality. Again they were always hungry and often they were not warm enough either.

But there was hope. They had been asked about their occupations and to what country they would like to emigrate. Andy was a watchmaker. They expressed their desire to come to Canada or the United States.

When one came from the United States its members would not accept any separated families.

Andy and Maria could not deny the truth and the chances of an eventual reunion with their children. Finally a Canadian visa was granted and they arrived and to their joy relief the Halpas were accepted as immigrants to Canada.

LAND OF HOPE — The next move was to a refugee camp in Italy where they spent several weeks. On January 10, 1956, after a year of hunger and fears, discomfort, hunger and hardship, they boarded ship for the land of hope and freedom. The land where they would begin again. Two days later they docked at Halifax.

Their luggage was a suitcase containing a change of clothing—second-hand clothing which had been given to them in Italy—plus one cup, one knife, one fork and two spoons, which they had used in the refugee camp. Maria is keeping them as souvenirs.

In Halifax they both worked. For the first month they lived without charge in the Immigration Building. At the end of that time they were able to rent an apartment and be independent. After a few months the jewelry company with which Andy was employed transferred him to Truro. When he had been in Canada a year he and a partner began the business of their own in Truro and later he went to Pictou where he operated a store of his own.

He suffered considerable financial loss when the store was burned but he reopened in another location. In August 1962 he accepted an invitation from the Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade to come to Alberton. During the first months he occupied a rented building but since then he has acquired the former Post Office which he has converted

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## Retarded Children's Ass'n Plans Public Talks, Films

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An authority in this field recently stated that there are some 3,000 retarded individuals in this province, of whom more than one third are under 10 years of age. It is only in recent years that recognition has been given to the fact that much can be done to help these children.

In Alberton no classroom space is available in either school, but members of the existing club have permitted use of their club room for the retarded children's class and the rental fee is being paid by the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Canadian Legion Mrs. Arnold Haines is the teacher. GUEST SPEAKER — On Sunday church bulletins were provided for town congregations by the local association and in some churches for the retarded and their families.

Dr. Malcolm Beck, director of mental health clinics and head of Sherwood Hospital for retarded children, has accepted an invitation to come to Alberton Tuesday evening where he will be the guest speaker at a public meeting at 8 p.m.

By request of the local Retarded Children's Association the proprietor of the Princess Pat Theatre has arranged a showing of "A Child Is Waiting," an excellent film on retarded children. It is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED — Early in the week householders will receive by mail a packet of "flowers of hope" seeds and an envelope in which to place a contribution for the work among retarded children.

Mrs. A. C. Green, who has been named campaign chairman of Alberton Regional High School area, states that it will not be necessary for people here to mail their contributions. A house-to-house pick-up is being organized.

In some school districts the Association of Canada, told the Women's Institute and in others individuals are being approached to undertake this task.

Mrs. Green adds that will facilitate the canvass if housewives have their cash donations in cheques ready in a sealed envelope. An effort is being made to complete the canvass as quickly as possible.

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The winner of the effective speaking contest was Fred Hyndman, a manager of the Hyndman Insurance Company of Summerside. Mr. Hyndman will represent P.E.I. in the Atlantic Provinces at the Jaycee convention to be held in Charlottetown May 8, 9, and 10.

The accused company officers are liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than \$25 or no more than \$100.00 or not exceeding double the amount of tax evaded or imprisoned for no more than two years on each count.

LONG INVESTIGATION — These charges were brought before the courts following a lengthy investigation by the revenue departments over a period of approximately 2 1/2 years.

In his testimony following the guilty pleas Mr. MacLean told of the simultaneous searches by members of the revenue department and RCMP late in 1961 in the offices of the company at Summerside, Sackville, a N. Dartmouth, and at Mr. Clark's residence, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the auditing firm of T. Earle Hickley, all of Summerside, and the home of a company associate in New Glasgow, N.S.

Mr. MacLean said that 28 members of the revenue department from Ottawa, St. John, N.B., Halifax and Charlottetown had assisted in the raid along with 11 members of the RCMP. He added that as a result of the search 113 cartons of company records, ledgers and other documents were seized. A number of department employees had immediately on these cases in November 1961, he said, and have worked exclusively up until now.

The investigator also gave a brief rundown of all the charges which had been laid by the department and on what information the charges had been based.

Also assisting Mr. Large and the revenue department in court yesterday was C. A. Anderson, of Ottawa, a department of justice lawyer.

THE principal judge was Jack Morris and the two other judges were J. Melville Campbell, a local lawyer, and Arch Clarke, vice-president of Athol Regional High School.

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## WESTERN BREEZES

SCOUT BANQUET HELD — The annual Banquet and Scout and Cub Banquet sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held last evening at the K. of C. Hall in Summerside. Eighty and 21 scouts were in attendance.

LEFT FOR U.S. — Mr. and Mrs. James Myrick, Alberton, left last Wednesday for Waban, Mass. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. John B. Murray of Truro and Mrs. O. H. Phillips and her daughter Betty of Summerside.

PARENTS INVITED — Parents of Alberton Elementary School pupils were invited to the school Monday afternoon to receive their children's report cards. A number of them were present and took advantage of the opportunity to discuss with the teachers their children's progress.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Albert Forbes, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Forbes, Lot 16 won the Maritime Co-op Services Limited scholarship of \$100 for showing recognition, achievement potential ability leadership interest. He is a first year at the Nova Scotia Agricultural college, Truro, N.S. Forbes received one of three scholarships offered in the Maritime. He is a recent graduate of Macanuche Regional High School.

KENNEDY FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Preston J. Kennedy was held from Kensington United Church on Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. M. Murray, Regent Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the United Church Women of the Kensington Church Women of the Kensington Church. Burial was in a body. Pallbearers were Morris Canady, Rossie Walker, Willard Stewart, Malcolm Kennedy, Charles Kennedy and Ervin Champion. Burial was in the People's cemetery.

MACLEOD FUNERAL — The funeral for George MacLeod was held from Keir Memorial Church on Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. Donald Mackay. Pallbearers were Horton Campbell, Russell Campbell, Thomas T. Trull, William MacFarlane, James Beattie and Elmer Mann. Interment was in the People's cemetery, Malpeque.

DEATH NOTICES — Received too late for Classified death notice column.

DOWN — At the P.E.I. Hospital, May 4, 1964, Walter Downe, 70 Highland Avenue, Summerside, died at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until noon Wednesday, then interment at the Tartan Restaurant in Summerside last evening.

## Remand Accused In Disorder Case

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, D. W. E. Michael Doyle, Charlottetown, was remanded May 9 when he appeared before Magistrate A. J. Haslam, Q.C. in city police court yesterday.

One person charged with being drunk and incapable was fined \$20 and costs or 20 days while another facing a similar charge was given a 20 day suspended sentence.

## Rural Teachers Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Charlottetown Rural Teacher's Local was held at the Vocational Institute with 133 teachers in attendance.

In his opening remarks Francis Blanchard president reminded the teachers of their duties in the classroom and how their outlook on their profession helps to promote a better classroom atmosphere.

A report on the board of governors meeting was given by Weston Carmichael.

A report on the work of the Centennial committee was given by Mrs. Louise Ross.

The morning session came to a close after Miss Angela Shute of St. Dunast's University student spoke on her country, Africa.

The afternoon session consisted of group discussions led by Sister Mary Tan, CSM, M.F.S. County, Doreen MacEachern, Mrs. Olive Dwyer, Mrs. Albert Fogarty and Mrs. Leone Ross.

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