

5. THE HUNGARIAN SITUATION (information as of 1700, 7 November)

Fighting continues in Budapest and in a number of areas in the provinces. Reliable sources indicate that resistance forces were still active in nine cities other than the capital, at least up to 6 November.

the American legation reported on 6 November that "the heaviest continuous shelling yet" had been heard in Budapest during the early evening and that at least four pockets of resistance in the city continue to hold out, one of which is defended by Hungarian artillery.

According to a 6 November report from the American legation, Soviet troops in Budapest have been systematically slaughtering men, women and children continuously for the past three days. "Despite this, the resistance evidently is not yet entirely broken."

Soviet atrocities have been confirmed

The legation, commenting on the Soviet offer of food and medical supplies to Hungary, notes that whatever the motives of this offer, the Soviet action in Budapest will starve out the people, "and the Soviets cannot help but know it!"

The longer the freedom fighters hold out and the more the Soviets resort to slaughter, the more difficult Premier Kadar's task will become. Efforts to date to restore transportation facilities and to resume industrial production have met with little success.

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