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Newsman Speaks on Hungary

U. S. Hasn't 'Done Well'

By Refugees, Group Told

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RUSSELL JONES, United Press correspondent recently returned from Budapest where he witnessed the Hungarian revolution, said last night the United States "has a moral obligation" to Hungarian refugees but so far has "not done very well by them."

In a talk before the 31st Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, Inc., in session at the Statler Hotel, Jones declared "if we do not take these people the propaganda is going to be bad for us."

"No European nations have put a ceiling on the number of refugees they would take, and we don't look very good at a time when we should look good," he asserted, referring to the quotas this country has set up for the refugees.

IN ADVOCATING entry to the United States of more Hungarians, the 38-year-old correspondent who was the only newsman on the scene in Budapest during the bloody month of November, declared:

"We're a nation of essentially refugees . . . and I think we could stand an injection of new blood. This is blood that has been tested in battle and I think it is good."

His talk followed action by the Conference's resolutions committee which agreed yesterday to present a resolution to the body today criticizing the "slipshod" way in which refugees have been admitted to the United States without precautionary screening.

HE STATED that the Hungarians have done "something very important. They have struck the first real blow against the Soviet Union and World Communism."

As a result, he continued, "the mask has been pulled from World Communism, and they're in trouble in the Soviet Union, in the satellite countries, in France and Italy where there is a strong Communist Party and even in neutral nations."

Russia knows now, he added, that none of her satellite countries can be trusted. But the future for Hungary is "very black." The Soviet Army can keep that country under control "without any trouble at all," he said.

IN HIS FIRSTHAND report on the revolution, Jones compared it to "our own revolution." But he said, allegations that broadcasts by Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America "initiated the revolution" were not true.

However, he added, the United States did encourage the situation that led to the revolt by the "policy of liberation" upon which nearly every candidate for public office ran, and their statements of this policy were broadcast by the Voice and Radio Free Europe.

The people of Hungary, he said, "thought they had been encouraged to revolt." It was very sad because "there was nothing we could do without precipitating World War III," he added.

Jones recommended that "if we're going to continue to talk" over Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America, "we must draw the line somewhere" so that "we can translate the talk into action."

THE MINNEAPOLIS-born newsman who has spent 15 of his 38 years in Europe, said the Hungarians were not fighting for capitalism in their revolt, but for "something like British socialism." And in the forefront of the initial fight, he said, were the students who had been chosen and trained to become "Communist leaders."