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#### EXPECT DIGGER HARVEST THAN LAST YEAR

HARVEST ESTIMATED AT 5-10 MILLION QUINTALS -- Budapest Nepszava, 16 Jun 50

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers' Party, Minister of State Gero reported that estimated harvest of grain will be 2.5-5 million quintals higher than last year. The paper used 5-10 million "mazsa" rather than "metermazsa," meaning quintal. The former is an old unit of measure equal to 50 kilograms, while the latter is the more modern unit of measure equal to one quintal or 100 kilograms. The old unit of measure was probably used to mislead urban readers who are not likely to distinguish between the two terms.7

Gero also reported that in comparison with the expenditure of 696 million forints for agricultural development last year, the appropriation for such purposes was 710,540,000 forints this year, and even this was actually raised to 752 million forints.

FALL BARLEY HARVESTED IN CSONGRAD COUNTY -- Budapest Szabad Ner, 16 Jun 50

In Csongrad County 70 percent of the fall barley, 20 percent of the rye, and 30 percent of the pea crops have already been harvested. Forty-five cadastral yokes of fall barley gave been harvested on the Kiszombor state farm. The Mako "Pioneer" agricultural cooperative completed its harvest of fall barley on 14 June.

The members of the cooperative estimate an average yield of 9 quintals per cadastral yoke. This far surpasses individual producers who estimate an average of 5 quintals per cadastral yoke. /The paper uses 18 and 10 "mazsa" respectively in giving average yield, as distinguished from "metermazsa," meaning "quintal."7

WHEAT HARVEST IN SOUTHERN COUNTIES -- Budapest Szabad Nep, 22 Jun 50

The hot weather has brought fall barley to yellow ripeness in many places, and much fall wheat is also ready to be harvested. The recent rain has had a beneficial effect on fall barley and oats.

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In Csongrad County, the agricultural cooperatives and state farms have caped and stacked 90 percent of the fall barley. Most of the independent farmers of the country are also cutting their fall barley and rye. The size of the barley kernels exceeds that of the average of the last decade, and the stalks are twice the height of last year.

Rye stalks on state and agricultural cooperative farms commonly reach 2 meters, and there are often 90 to 120 kernels per head. According to estimates the bread grain yield of Csongrad County exceeds last year's by 25 percent. Seventy percent of the peasants of the country have laready contracted for threshing.

Seventy percent of the fall barley has been harvested in Szabolcs County and fall barley harvest is nearly completed in Gyor-Sopron County.

Wheat harvest has been begun in many parts of Baranya County, but in general, the harvest of fall barley has been retarded, and the same is true of fall wheat.

20,000 CARS OF GRAIN HARVESTED -- Budapest Frise Ujsag, 23 Jul 50

By 23 July, more than 20,000 cars of grain have been collected, in contrast with 3,065 cars collected last year at the same time. Most of the peasants are also selling their surplus grain to the state. In all, 5,600 cars of grain have been handed in for the C purchasing coupon.

#### ASK NATION-WIDE HARVEST COMPETITION -- Budapest Kis Ujsag, 25 Jul 50

The communities of Mindszent and Szegvar are in competition with each other to complete and deliver their grain harvest by 20 August. Communities throughout the country are joining in the competition to complete the harvest by 20 August, the anniversary of constitution of the People's Republic of Hungary.

#### FARMERS' GRAIN ALLOWANCE UNCHANGED -- Budapest Szabad Nep, 21 Jun 50

Under a regulation of the Ministry of Domestic Commerce, bread-grain rations for farmers during the new agricultural year will remain unchanged. Persons over 6 years of age are entitled to 220 kilograms, those under 6 to 160 kilograms, and infants "ho will be one year old after 1 July 1950 13.5 kilograms per month until 1 July 1951.

As during the last year, a special permit may be obtained for milling an additional 50 kilograms of bread grain for the celebration of a birth, marriage, or silver, gold, or diamond wedding anniversary.

The farmer may also obtain a permit for milling his surplus grain after fulfilling his delivery quota on the "C" purchase ticket.

#### GRAIN PRICES FIXED BY GOVERNMENT -- Budapest Nepszava, 16 Jun 50

The president of the National Planning Board ordered grain prices fixed in accordance with the Council of Ministers' decision to maintain last year's prices. According to the regulation, the grain prices in forints per 100 kilograms are as follows: on grain required to be turned in (in forints): wheat 60, rye 54, barley 50, and oats 60; on surplus grain turned in voluntarily: wheat 80, rye 60, barley 70, and oats 60.

Premium payments and bounties above those established by the Council of Ministers' decree are payable for expeditious delivery and for delivery in accordance with transportation agreements.

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#### COMBINES OPERATING IN HUNGARY -- Budapest Nepszava, 18 Jun 50

Combines will be operating in Hungary this year. The Soviet combine performs the work of 70-80 men in harvest. Two Hungarian EMAG combines, designed on the Soviet model, will work side by side with the two Soviet combines at Mezohegyes. So far, the reapers and reaper-binders have also been doing very well at Mezohegyes, performing 120-140 percent of their scheduled work daily. The machines have harvested 70 percent of the fall barley and 80 percent of the peas. Next week, the reapers, the reaper-thrashers, and the combines will begin to harvest the wheat.

#### DECREE ON REGISTERING TRACTORS -- Budapest Friss Ujsag, 26 Jul 50

According to a new regulation issued by the Minister of Agriculture, farm tractors may be held in possession only with a farm-tractor certificate and serial registration. A purchaser is required to report a purchase from the factory within 14 days to the executive committee of the county, or Budapest Municipal Council, and request the tractor certificate and serial registration. The fee for issuing the certificate and serial registration. The fee for issuing the certificate is 30 forints, and 70 forints for the registration. State agencies and factories recover only the sale price. Preliminary permission must first be obtained from the executive committee of the Budapest Municipal Council before altering the tractor, dismantling it or permanently changing the place where it is stored.

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