

Martial Law Declared by Hungarian Govt.

VIENNA, Dec. 9. — Hungary's government tonight declared martial law and outlawed regional workers councils in an attempt to cut short a new armed revolt flaring in several provinces.

The government cracked down on the Budapest Workers Council which this morning called for a 48-hour general strike to begin tomorrow midnight.

Radio Budapest, only source of news from the Hungarian capital since telephone and commercial teletype lines were cut off this morning, suddenly interrupted a day-long musical program to announce that martial law had been proclaimed effective at noon tomorrow.

The Hungarian Presidential Council listed several reasons for the declaration, which would permit a drastic purge of "counter-revolutionaries." Primarily it said, there had been new armed uprisings.

It said "several persons were killed and injured" in a bloody clash yesterday at Salgotatian on the Czech-Hungarian frontier.

It said there had been other uprisings in the Tatabanya coal mining region west of Budapest and in Bekescuaba and Battonya in southern Hungary.

The government said "provocateurs forced" loyal workers into a demonstration and then mowed

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them down with machine gun fire at Saltojaran.

It charged that a similar blood-bath was planned last Tuesday in Budapest when mourning women laid flowers on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

"The counter-revolutionaries," the government said, "have made new attempts to start an armed uprising and have been spreading rumors and distributing appeals for a new strike."
