

# Report New Fighting In Hungary Provinces

VIENNA, Dec. 13.—Hungarian workers extended their general strike indefinitely today. From the provinces came reports of new fighting. Budapest's plants remained closed in protest against the arrest of two top labor leaders. Provincial plants also stayed closed because of widespread arrests of other labor leaders.

In New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament that thus far an estimated 25,000 Hungarians and 7,000 Soviet troops had been killed.

Budapest Radio broadcast today a report in the Communist newspaper *Nep Szabadsag* that the country's losses from the strike and rebellion exceeded \$1.36 billion.

It said all reserves of the country's economy were shot and that the disastrous situation in coal production would prevent other activities even if the workers ended the strike.

The 48-hour general strike, called to dramatize demands for reforms from the Kadar Government, was to have ended last midnight.

Some men returned to their factories this morning. But they promptly walked out again when they heard of the arrest of Sandor Racz and Sandor Bari, leaders of the Budapest Workers Council.

In announcing the arrest of Racz and Bari, a police communique broadcast over Budapest Radio disclosed an addition to the Government's martial law decree under which all offenders were

made liable to the death penalty.

The Budapest Radio declared today that "quite a lot" of factories were working again, although some were unable to function properly because of a fuel shortage. It said street cars and buses were back in operation.

The Radio said electric power had been restored in many factories, but said they had fuel enough only for one or two days.

It claimed "80 to 90 percent" of the workers were back on the job at the key iron and steel plants on Csepel Island, Budapest's industrial hub.

Buses and street cars were running again, Shops were open. Post office workers went back to their jobs with instructions to reopen communications with the outside world.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 13. — Hungarian Foreign Minister Imre Horvath was reported today to have booked passage on the French liner *Liberte* leaving New York tomorrow. East European sources said he was returning to Budapest to replace Janos Kadar. Horvath paid a brief visit to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold this morning.