garian Refugees arrive (2388) 20th November 1956

Hampshire: Leaving the DARK horizons of Eastern Europe far behind, an airliner flies into Blackbushe - bringing the first party of Refugees to Britain.

And this first glimpse of the huge crowd of well-wishers waiting on the tarmac assured the hapless arrivals of the warmth and hospitality that awaited them...

Following the tragic happenings in Hungary, Britain has shown her admiration for a brave people by offering sanctuary to 2,500 refugees.

As the mercy-mission gathered momentum - a second plane arrived - bringing a batch of children - many of whose parents had been killed, or were staying behind to fight on....for Hungary.

Into Victoria Station came a boat train and, for another batch of freedom fighters - the long journey to safety was over.

Proudly bearing the Hungarian Flag (without the Red Star) these were some of the men and women who had battled so desperately - in their stricken capital Budapest.

Here and there, bloodstained bandages told the story of courageous resistance, until finally, overwhelming odds drove them to seek refuge from the terror that engulfs their homeland.

At Eisenstadt, in Austria, refugees attend a Mass, celebrated by a Hungarian priest. The service was made possible by the POPE'S gift of a MOBILE CHAPEL. And no less generous has been the response, made throughout Britain, to help alleviate the sufferings, in Hungary.