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The following letter describes very vividly conditions said to maintain in Hungary at this time. I thought possibly some of the members of the American Dairy Science Association would find it possible to give assistance of one kind or another, and I am therefore publishing the letter in full.

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To the

American Dairy Science Association:

Sir!

The present condition and the future of the Hungarian scientific institutions as well as of the Royal Hungarian Dairy Experiment Station is perhaps you know it extremely desolate. The utensils necessary to scientific researches, our chemicals, books and periodicals are mostly of foreign origin and can not be bought nor repaired in consequence of the low state of the financial standard and because the revenues of the Experiment Station are very small. We are prevented to read foreign journals and to learn anything about the progress of modern science. The Hungarian state became poor and unable to raise our income according to the present immoderate prices. Our station receives for its purposes no more than 10,000 crowns yearly; from this small sum we are to pay also our employees, from this we must provide for heating, lighting, for the requirements of the laboratories. To do all this is quite impossible.

Beside that the Dairy Experiment Station has been entirely knocked down by the Roumanian invasion. In the year 1919 at spring time it was transferred to the environs of Budapest in order to accomplish better its scientific aims. The fittings of the laboratory were not as yet unpacked when the Roumanian invaders came in our country and took all we have had with the only exception of the furniture and of the library. We were obliged to return to Magyarovar completely despoiled by the plunder. We have lost all the chemical and bacteriological utensils of the laboratory and partly our apparatuses.

By this deprivation the Station became lame. Without kind help we are for long time excluded from every scientific progress, we have

taken part of before the war as demonstrated by some subjoined prints of our scientific records. Old merry Hungary exists no more rent into pieces, important dairy districts point of view are given to the surrounding nations. In consequence thereof the support of the Station granted by the state grew insignificant.

Notwithstanding we desire to work, we desire to be useful in science. But whereof may we want for help? To whom may we apply? It is sorry, we want the support of foreign countries, because we have nothing. The generous people of the United States of America has done very much good for our country and for our people while the war endured it can help us easily. The low value of the Hungarian crown makes it possible that a comparatively small sum of your grew to a very important one when taken in our value.

We request of your benevolence, in name of the Royal Hungarian Dairy Experiment Station to take your part in supporting our scientific inquiries relating dairy. Your help might consist either in financial aid or in sending utensils required to experiments, in prints of the American experiment Stations journals, newspapers, new books related to dairying. To avoid the eventual receipt of materials unwished for it was advisable to communicate our needs to you.

We recommend once more our petition to your benevolence.

Respectfully,

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