

REFUGEE COUNTESS ARRIVES FOR STUDY

A young refugee countess from Hungary has come here to learn economics and commerce. She hopes to use the knowledge later in the reconstruction of a liberated Hungary.

The countess, 23 years old and blond, is Alice-Marie Esterházy, a member of a once-powerful Hungarian family. She arrived at Idlewild Airport yesterday morning with seventy-seven other refugees on a plane chartered by the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

In excellent English, Countess Esterházy spoke of her plans.

"I would like to study economics and commerce in order

to qualify myself for work in the domain of world commerce," she explained. "By these studies I hope to become capable of facing my existence on a solid foundation and to serve the economic reconstruction of Hungary after its liberation."

The countess is here on a four-year scholarship at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, N. Y.

She told of her family's fall from power under Communist domination of Hungary and Czechoslovakia and of her flight from Budapest.

Her uncle, Prince Paul Esterházy, was imprisoned with Cardinal Mindszenty, and her father is in a Czechoslovak prison camp. The countess was confined in concentration camps before she escaped on Nov. 14, 1954. To escape, she concealed herself in

a bus carrying a football team from Budapest to Vienna.

Countess Esterházy said she had been prevented from going to college in Hungary because of her "class origin." She had been a factory worker and an office worker before June, 1951. Then the Government began deportations from Budapest and she and her mother were sent to a concentration camp, she said.

An uncle, Stephen Revay of 325 West Eightieth Street, met the countess at the airport.

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