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Hungarian University Has Rebirth At UBC

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VANCOUVER (CP) — The Hungarian professors and students of the forestry faculty of Sopron University are taking up their studies at the University of British Columbia after months of assimilation in all kinds of work.

As they got together again in temporary quarters loaned by the RCAF at Sea Island, they noticed that many had changed considerably since arriving in Canada last February.

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Few could speak any English at that time, and now most of them can converse quite easily in their new language. They also have money in the bank and have paid up to \$300 each for the year's tuition.

"They arrived in Canada eight months ago with their possessions in a paper bag," said Philip S. Bird, immigration superintendent, "and now I've been pleased to supply trucks to transport 13 tons of luggage for them to this camp."

The group is composed of 28 professors and their 74 dependants, and 210 students. Twenty of the students are girls.

They have taken over the RCAF barrack blocks and another building which includes study rooms, kitchen and dining-room.

They will cook and keep house for themselves, attending classes on a split-shift system in co-operation with Canadian students. Buses will carry them to and from classes.

"They'll be very comfortable here," said Mr. Bird, "but it is my aim to have them all in private accommodation within a month. They want that, too."

All summer they worked at various jobs, most in the forests. Typical is 22-year-old Joseph Ronyecz, third year student who worked in the bush at Jasper, Atla. He started penniless and came back with \$800 and a good command of the English language.

"The experience served me well for the years of study and integration to come, but we must get away from each other again soon. We speak too much Hungarian when we are together."

Classes will be conducted in Hungarian the first year and then move into English.