

HUNGARY

On November 10, 1964, the presidium of the Hungarian People's Republic issued Edict No. 26 of 1964 on Civilian Aviation. On the same day the Hungarian Government issued Decree No. 27/1964 implementing that Edict.³ They entered into force on January 1, 1965. Translations are now being prepared.

Until then Hungary never had a comprehensive code on civil aviation. Provisions on the subject are scattered among decrees and directives of several ministries issued since 1922. Even the validity of earlier statutes could not be ascertained: it is possible that certain provisions of a decree, or the entire decree was repealed by a later directive which is a confidential document. Such documents may not be published in the official gazette, but only in a departmental gazette which is not available in the United States or in any other country outside Hungary. The Hungarian authorities do not give information on these matters.

In 1948 the jurisdiction over civilian air traffic was given to the Ministry of Transportation. However, this jurisdiction is not exclusive because the Minister of Defense has authority to designate prohibited air areas, the Minister of the Interior may enforce security measures which may be issued either by himself, by the Minister of Defense, by the Minister of Transportation and Postal Matters, by the Chief of the General Staff of the Army, or by their subordinate agencies.

Very few decrees were made available for the public after World War II. One of these is Decree No. 850/eln. OLP. 1/1949 (XI.3.) H.M.,¹ issued by the Minister of Defense, which established prohibited areas above which all air traffic (domestic or foreign) is banned. The attached map shows the extent of the prohibited area. This decree presumably was not repealed or amended. However the 1960 edition of the Collection of Statutes in Force (Budapest, 1960) does not include this decree.

On August 1, 1959, the Minister of the Interior issued Decree No. 3/1959 (VIII.1.) B.M.,² which established the Air Police which has the duty to enforce safety regulations issued by the different authorities to preserve the national security in air traffic matters, and to prevent crimes in air transportation. So far the Air Police has been the only authority in the administration of civilian air traffic, supervised by the Minister of the Interior.

¹ *Magyar Közlöny*, No. 227, p. 1861, November 3, 1949.

² *Magyar Közlöny*, No. 80, p. 651; August 1, 1959.

³ Both statutes are published in *Magyar Közlöny*, No. 68 of November 10, 1964.