



OFF TO STYLISH START—Don Loper fits Eszter Erdelyi, Hungarian refugee sponsored by The Times, in a black cocktail creation as employees look on admiringly.

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Times Refugee Pair Adjusting to Life in U.S.

Ferenc and Eszter Erdelyi, the Hungarian refugees sponsored by The Times, are this week securely on the road to becoming Americans.

It's a long road, they know. At times, it may be a hard one. But today they are strictly on their own. And on their way.

The couple, who fled Hungary with Red bullets flying around their heads last Christmas eve, were selected as brave symbols of the world's fight for freedom and attended the inauguration of President Eisenhower as guests of The Times.

Has Job as Mechanic

Later, they came to Los Angeles to build their new life on these Pacific shores. Ferenc (Frank) found a job as a mechanic at the import division of Bill Murphy Buick in Culver City. Yesterday, the couple moved into a small furnished apartment within walking distance of the shop.

Frank's major problem, a set of tools for his work, was solved by the Proto Tool Co., which donated a complete master tool chest to him. It was presented by H. W. Oetjen, regional sales manager of Pendleton Tools Industries, Inc.

Given Wardrobe

For Eszter, whose primary problem was wardrobe, the major items were provided by The Broadway. And last week she became a fashion Galatea to the Pygmalion of Don Loper.

Loper, a celebrated Beverly Hills dress designer, with fond memories of Hungary when Budapest was the gayest city on earth, elected to outfit Eszter in a wardrobe designed expressly for her.

He took measurements a

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week ago. On Friday the clothes were ready.

Hairdo Comes First

Before the clothes, however, came the hairdo. He took her to Marcel's on Sunset Blvd. to form her soft blond locks. Then the fittings--the white nylon for morning wear; the swirling blue cotton for the afternoon; the pleated black wool cocktail dress; the black wool coat.

There were shoes to match each outfit. And hats for afternoon and evening.

As she left the shop, *Ester*, a ballet dancer in the happier days before World War II and the Red occupation, clicked her heels and danced on the sidewalk.

Back to Kitchen

A moment of being Cinderella. Then back to her kitchen. Chicken paprika to prepare for her husband. Curtains to make for the new apartment. A world to build.

A good world in the bright room. Good. A free world far from the dejected dark pits of Ghetto Europe.

The Fichels knew that there was a long road ahead. But their feet were firmly placed on it. They were on their way.

Wisconsin Reunion Set

The Wisconsin Society is sponsoring a reunion to be held at the Hotel Wisconsin, 402 W. Superior St. A variety program will be presented at 2 p.m.