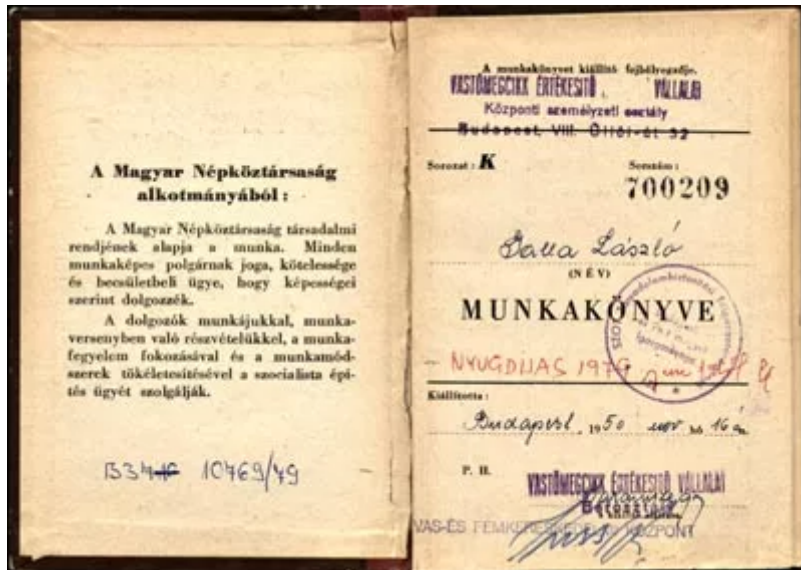


Laszlo Galla's Employment Book



This is my employment book, issued in 1950 in Budapest.

My mother - with whom I was living - told Ella in a letter about the difficulties we had in Szentes, and then I got to Pest through Ferenc Kende, who gave me an agency position to distribute various papers in certain places in Budapest and Fejér County, where I had to distribute the children's magazine *Huvelyk Matyi*, and the official journals of the Material and Price Office. I didn't get a salary, but worked on commission. I went around the countryside by train, on foot, by cart, it was hard work. I lived from this for months, looking for a way to break free from it as soon as possible.

I managed to when the iron wholesale industry was nationalized. I had an acquaintance, the son of the owner of a Szentes mill owner. He had graduated as an engineer from Brunn University, because he wasn't accepted in Hungary because of the *numerus clausus* at the time. And due to his left wing leanings, when the state takeovers came, he was immediately given a high position, the directorship of VASERT, a wholesale metal enterprise. I went to the personnel department of this company and told them that this was my field, I had many years experience, I'd like to work there. I was firmly kicked out. After that, I went to this gentleman who took steps immediately, and I was employed in 1947. As much as I disliked retail, I liked national iron trading. I became a company leader, I had the task of obtaining stock. In the spring of 1948 I got a position as one of the directors of a nationalized iron trade company, until it was merged into the VASERT.