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Budapest's 100 Years

EXHIBITION AT CASTLE MUSEUM

Huge-size photo documents, rare stamps, maquettes, films and sound archive tapes are applied in a masterly selection to present outstanding aspects of the 100-year past of Budapest at an exhibition that opened in the city's Historical Museum Tuesday.

This year is a centenary year for the Hungarian capital marking the 100th anniversary of its creation through the merger of the three sister township of Pest, Buda and Óbuda.

The exhibition, in the spacious halls of Buda Castle, was opened by Zol-

tán Szépvölgyi, mayor of Budapest. It is much more than just an anniversary event. An all-round review of the past century, it presents Budapest as the cradle of the Hungarian working-class movement and shows the capital's social, economic, and cultural development, with impressive vistas on Budapest's future progress. The visitor, expecting to see scores of contemporary documents and other relics on display, will be pleasantly disappointed. For, very logically, the city's artistic history as well as the advance of its industries are amply illustrated. Apart from things like housing plans, and designs of the new metro, there are two items that say much for the technically-minded: one is the first car engine built in Hungary, which—with its carburettor, etc.—was a sensation in Europe at the beginning of the century. A little farther on you come across a latter-day sensation: a tape recorder that operates with solar energy! This is the latest achievement developed by the Electrical Industry Research Institute of Budapest and it holds out encouraging prospects for the future.

A special treat and follow-up to Tuesday night's opening ceremony was gala concert held in the recently excavated Gothic Hall of the Castle, with performances of string quartets and youth choirs—a worthy addition to this centenary tribute.

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Budapest 100 éves
Kiváltság a Vármúzeumban

Kialmas mellett foto dokumentu-
mók, ritka bélyeges, mappák,
filmek és archív hangfelvételek
vannak felhasználva mesteri váto-
gatásban a 100 éves múlt kiál-
tságok amelyet most nyitotta a
város # Történelmi Múzeumban
kedden. A centenárium a város
együttese a 3 résztvevővel
Buda, Óbuda és Pest.

A kiváltságok fejezőlegi zoltán a vá-
ros polgármestere nyitotta meg.

város fejezőleg.

A megnyitási naptárában este a
gömbös teremben hangversenyt tar-
tottak.