

## 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 Brun 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.