

Jeno Fischer During His Years In Paris



This picture of my brother Jeno was taken in Paris in the 1930s. He sent it home from France. My brother Jeno learned the tailor trade. Jeno was in Paris for a couple of years, but in 1939 he came back. After returning from forced labor, he managed an independent tailor's in Nyiregyhaza. The workshop was in the center of the town, but from the 1950s he couldn't keep it anymore, and even though he remained independent all his life, he couldn't have employees because of the nationalization. So from then on he worked alone. There was the world fair in 1937 in Paris, Jeno worked there at that time as a tailor. My father had an apprentice, whom they took later to Paris as a soccer player. My brother got to the French capital, because he was friends with this boy. That boy received him, Jeno lived at his place in France. Then he came home in 1939 when the eucharistic congress took place here. [Editor's note: The Catholic church has been organizing international eucharistic congresses since 1881. The 34th Eucharistic World Congress, which was the biggest event of Hungarian Catholicism of the 20th century, was organized in Budapest.] He came home because they expelled the foreigners from Paris. When he arrived he said that it was

the worse and the biggest curse when the French tell a foreigner 'dirty stranger.' Though he liked France very much. At that time I was still a pupil. I remember that there was a performance at school and he sent me a necklace addressed 'to the little actress.' At that time I might have been in the 1st or 2nd grade of middle school.