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Interviewer: Julius Nyiokos

Date of Interview:

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PERSONAL INVENTORY

Age: 34

Sex: Male

Marital status: Married

Religion: Presbyterian

He was born in Szatmar-Szabolcs County. He spent most of his life in Szatmar-Szabolcs County.

Just before the revolution broke out he lived in Budapest.

He was abroad in 1939, spending two months in Germany as a guest of the German Lutheran Independent Church (the church which did not enter any agreement of cooperation with Hitler's Germany.) He also spent one month at the end of '40 and the beginning of '41 in Switzerland.

He served in the Hungarian military services in the Army from Oct. 1, 1942, until October 1943; his highest rank was that of corporal first class. (Interviewer's note: I know very well that there is no such rank in the American Army, but that is the name of a rank that best describes rank between corporal and sergeant in the Hungarian Army.)

Respondent completed 4 years of teacher's college and then 2 years of post-graduate studies and received a diploma that makes him eligible for a position in a junior college for teachers; in other words, he has a teaching certificate for junior colleges. His teaching subjects are philosophy and pedagogy.

In 1935 and 1942, respondent taught as a vocational high school teacher. From 1943, and in 1941, he was a staff member of the Balassagyarmati Cultural Research Institute.

In 1937, he was elected at the General elections, a member of Parliament, representing the Smallholders Party. In that same year, he became a national director of the National Peasant Assn.

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Personal Inventory (cont.)

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From Jan. 1947 until Oct. 1949, he was in jail. Eight months of this period of time he spent as a toy-maker and learned that certain trade in prison. From 1949 to 1950, he worked as an unskilled worker in a modern mill and grain-elevator combination. At the same time, he studied locksmithing in his spare time. From 1950 to 1951, he was an unskilled worker, working in road construction. From 1951 until 1952, he was working as an electrician. From 1952 to 1954, he worked as a skilled electrician. From 1954 until 1956, he was head electrician and had a crew of electricians under him in a plant.

Respondent's mother is still living in Hungary. She is 66 years old.

He has a brother, 32 years old, in Hungary, and a sister, 31 years old, also in Hungary.

He has two little girls, one 10 years old and the other 7 years old.

Respondent left Hungary on Nov. 12, 1956.

He arrived in the United States on Dec. 9, 1956.

He spent most of the time in New York City in the United States, but he got around quite a bit to various conferences of Hungarian exiles, like in Chicago, in Vermont, in Ohio and several times in Washington, D. C., etc.

His immediate plans are to do his level best in his position as a Hungarian exile intellectual leader and as general-secretary of the National Representation of Free Hungary.

He was interviewed by the Five Nations Commission of the UN on two occasions and both occasions lasted about three hours. He was also interviewed by the Un-American Activities Committee and that interview lasted about four hours. Another interview was taken by a sub-committee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.