

Interviewer:
Podhorsky
Date:
September 11, 1957

I. CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

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This young ^{LAD} is the child of a tinsmith and of ~~XXX~~ ^{humble} extreme origin; surprisingly bright, alert, and fiercely patriotic.

His parents apparently have brought up this child with loving care and not only according to high and christian morals and very nice manners but also taught him to love his country fiercely and to stand up and fight for patriotic ideas.

The communist oppression and the revolution seem to have made a terrific impression on him. even though he lived in the provinces, he knew all about the events in Budapest and had all dates ~~perfectly~~ ^{perfectly} PAT.

The child always differentiated between the "Hungarians" and the "Communists" whom apparently he did not regard as Hungarians at all.

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He talked freely and volubly about everything and reasoned logically. I tried to trap him now and to see whether what he said was not just repeating what he had heard from his parents or ~~reading~~ ^{reading}, but I came finally to the conclusion that he himself has reasoned ^{OUT} everything he said.

The boy seemed to have a good memory too, but he told me he has learned many poems by "proscribed" authors I told him to recite me one and off he went on a very long and difficult modern patriotic poem by a very ^{WELL} known Hungarian contemporary poet, on the hardships of being Hungarian.

Altogether he was a most delightful even though precocious youngster. He had an argument on the date of the interview and I had to mention it was the 11th, as on the 12th I have my name's day. He immediately said: "I really must come back tomorrow and bring you some flowers." The perfect little gentleman.

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