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GYOR LAWYERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY"

ACTIVITY

SOURCE GRAZ: Confidential.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: April 1958.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: Sentences have been passed on the GYOR lawyers arrested and charged with participation in counter-revolutionary activities during October-November 1956.

Dr. Aladar WELCZ, ex-president of the Patriotic People's Front, chairman of the "Lawyers' Working Co-operative" and of the Chamber of Law was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Further sentences of six and five years imprisonment were respectively passed on Dr. Ivan ERDELYI and Dr. Karoly BALINT.

Nothing is known of the punishment meted out to the other defendants.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The GYOR paper "Kisalfold" (of 12, 14, and 15 January 1958) launched a heavy attack on the lawyers mentioned in this report. In view of the charges brought against them by that paper for their "counter-revolutionary" activities it has been taken for granted that they would be put on trial and sentenced. This is, however, the first item of news saying that the trial took place and some of the lawyers involved had been sentenced to various terms in jail. The persecution of GYOR lawyers is only one instance of the nationwide drive of regime against Hungarian lawyers now under way.

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Dr. WELSZ Aladár a GYŐR-i Hazafias Népfront, a GYŐR-i

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Dr. ERDÉLYI Ivánt hat évi, Dr. BÁLINT Karolyt pedig öt évi börtönre ítélték. Hir szerint a GYŐR-i "ellenforradalmár" ügyvédek perében vádlottak voltak még RADDA Gyula, CSABA István és BERKOVICS István ügyvédek is, de egyelőre nincs hir a rájuk kiszabott ítéletről.

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