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NAGY AND MALETER TRIAL BELIEVED PENDING

SOURCE VIENNA: Confidential.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: End-January 1958.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: According to current opinion in BUDAPEST, the political show-trials against Imre NAGY and Pal MALETER will start in the near future. This view became general after the recent changes within the Government.

It is also said that preparations are being made for the trial of BIBO.

EVALUATION COMMENT: This report echoes current views in BUDAPEST which cannot be taken as new evidence on the probability of a trial of Imre NAGY and his associates.

It is obvious from the wording of the report that these views should be regarded much more as a comment on the recent Government reshuffle and are characteristic of the people's mood in BUDAPEST.

The arrest of an employee of the French Legation in BUDAPEST is UNCONFIRMED here.

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BUDAPESTen az a vélemény, hogy a közeljövőben sor kerül NAGY Imre volt miniszterelnök perére. Az általános nézet, hogy bizonyos fokig KADÁRnak volt köszönhető, hogy NAGY Imre ellen eddig nem indítottak pert. Indokolásul azt hozták fel, hogy KADÁR a forradalom alatt, közvetlenül szökéséig igen sok pontban megegyezett NAGY Imrével és feltehető, hogy egy per esetén ezek a

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problémák NAGY Imre részéről felvetődhettek volna. MÜNNICH, akit kiméretlen, brutális, terror-embernek tartanak, és akitől az egész ország lakossága csak a politikai terror rosszabbodását várja -- BUDAPESTi vélemény szerint, rövidesen megindíttatja NAGY Imre ellen a pert.

A politikai perekkel kapcsolatban beszélnek még arról is, hogy MALETER Pál ellen is MÜNNICH miniszterelnöksége alatt fogják a pert lefolytatni.

Egyes vélemények szerint BIBÓ István ellen is készülőben van az eljárás. Ezzel hoznak összefüggésbe több, a közelmúltban foganatosított letartóztatást. Többek között letartóztatták a francia követség egyik magyar származású alkalmazottját is.

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According to current opinion in BUDAPEST the trial of Imre NAGY, former prime minister, will begin in the near future. It is also the general opinion that the delay in beginning the trial is attributable to KADAR. The reason for this postponement might be that, during the revolution, before KADAR vanished from the Parliament, he agreed in many points with Imre NAGY and it was feared that, in case of a trial, these areas of agreement would be revealed by NAGY. According to BUDAPEST opinion, MUNNICH considered a merciles, brutal terrorist, who is expected to increase political control and use of force, will initiate the trial against NAGY soon.

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It is believed also that the trial of Pal MALETER, will be held under MUNNICH's premiership.

Apparently, proceedings against Istvan BIBO are also about to begin. Several recent arrests seem to confirm this view. One of the Hungarian employees of the French legation, among others, was arrested.

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