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NEW WAVE OF TERROR IN BUDAPEST

SOURCE PARIS: Businessman who visited BUDAPEST recently.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: End of June 1958.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: Source carried out some requests from Hungarians established abroad for their relatives in Hungary.

After the first phone call he noticed a great fear. People refused to receive him at home. Rendez-vous were organized at public places with all kinds of preliminary precautions.

All the BUDAPEST contacts sent the unanimous message to their relatives abroad not to establish contacts on their behalf with foreigners, reduce correspondence, or not to write at all.

Source reported that a wave of terror is reappearing in Hungary, unknown since the RAKOSI times. A series of arrests have taken place and any Western contact is considered highly suspicious.

EVALUATION COMMENT: For the last few days persistent rumors have circulated in Western countries about a flare-up of a new wave of terror in Hungary. This report is the first received giving details originating with recent visitor to Hungary.

The reluctance to meet Western visitors or to maintain Western contacts is explained by the fact that such contacts are particularly compromising during periods of terror.

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Egy nyugati üzletember Nagy Imre kivégzése után érkezett BUDAPESTre, kereskedelmi tárgyalásokra. Jellegzetes képet festett arról a félelemkörrel, ami a kivégzések óta BUDAPESTen ismét urrá lett.

Forrás több olyan természetű személyes megbízást kapott külföldön élő magyaroktól, hogy BUDAPEST-i hozzátartozóikkal kellett, hogy érintkezésbe lépjen. Első telefonhívására az érdekeltek helyen érezhető zavarral és ijedtséggel válaszoltak. Senki sem akarták, hogy forrás a lakásukon kézen fogja őket. Végül is egy belvárosi csarisszában becsúsztak meg találkoztak. Arra kérték azonban, hogy autóját minél messzebb parkírozza, nehogy a külföldi kocsit feltűné legyen.

Forrás pontosan érkezett, de a magyar érdekeltek már jóval előtte ott voltak, mert -- mint mondották -- nem szerették volna, ha ő maga rendel a így a kiszolgáló személyzet tudomást szerez külföldi hivoltáról.

További megbízásainak lebonyolítása során forrást a BUDAPEST-i érdekeltek mindenütt hasonló körültekintéssel fogadták és senki sem hívta meg otthonába.

Akivel csak érintkezésbe lépett, azt az üzenetet küldte külföldön élő hozzátartozóinak, hogy szentül ne irányítsanak hozzájuk külföldieket és a levelezéssel és minden más érintkezési formával is igen óvatosak legyenek. Voltak olyanok is, akik biztonsági okokból minden levelezés teljes megszüntetését kérték.

Forrás a beszélgetések során megtudta, hogy a kivégzések óta Magyarországon a RÁKOSI-éra óta ismeretlen terror-hallgatás HUNGÁRIA letartóztatások által követik egymást és a lakosság lelkiismeretlen félelemben él. Különösen reszkálnak minden olyasmitől, ami arra utalna, hogymétán kapcsolatban állnak a Nyugattal.

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A Western businessman arrived in BUDAPEST after the execution of Imre Nagy to conclude some business. He gave a characteristic description of the atmosphere of fear which overcame BUDAPEST again after the executions.

Source received several personal requests from Hungarians living abroad to contact their relatives in BUDAPEST. When he made his first phone call to one of the persons affected, he was answered with perceptible fear and confusion. They did not want source to come and see them at their apartment, at any price. Finally they agreed to meet at a pastry shop in the city, but he was asked to park his car at some distance as not to be conspicuous.

Source arrived punctually at the rendez-vous but the  
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Hungarians were there long before as they explained that if he gave his order, the waitresses would notice that he was a foreigner.

During the course of similar contacts with Hungarians, he had the same experience and no one invited him to their home.

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