

Comment on the Assembly Session

Parragi on "Mistrust among the Masses"

Comment on the National Assembly session of 9th-11th May included a signed leader in the new Monday paper 'Hetfoel Hirek' by the editor, Gyoergy Parragi, who said that the situation was "still full of difficulty"; there was "still some mistrust" among the masses. Hungarian opinion expected the establishment of a peaceful and quiet atmosphere. Parragi added: "I consider that the recent session of the National Assembly has created these conditions in our political life. The session was characterised by the voice of the people, by sincere words. It was a reflection of the voice of the electorate. We must not think that from now on everything will go smoothly. But in the midst of difficulties, we shall have to think with respect and understanding of the cares of the Government and Party, which have shouldered the task of saving our people and our country from anarchy, both at home and abroad. And they have accomplished this task." (MTI 13.5.57)

Extension of Assembly's Mandate

The other resolution submitted to the House by the committee, Koeboel said, concerned the extension of the mandate of Deputies for two years. "The reason why the committee had proposed this was that the whole strength of the country must be used in the coming months for a most important task, the reconstruction of our economy." It was not true that the Revolutionary Worker-Peasant Government was "afraid to hold an election now", but the need to combat inflation remained and industrial capacity had not yet reached 100 per cent. "This must be changed first: so far inflation could be staved off only with the foreign aid given by the USSR and other fraternal countries."

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