

UNITED STATES MISSION  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

August 17, 1962

The following letter and Explanatory Memorandum were submitted today to the Acting Secretary General of the United Nations:

"August 17, 1962

"Sir:

"I have the honor to request the inclusion on the agenda of the Seventeenth General Assembly of an item entitled, 'the Question of Hungary'.

"In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure an explanatory memorandum is attached.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Adlai E. Stevenson

His Excellency  
U Thant,  
Acting Secretary General  
of the United Nations."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

During the period since the events of 1956 in Hungary, the members of the United Nations, first in the Security Council, then in emergency special session, then at regular sessions of the General Assembly have devoted close attention to "the Question on Hungary". Actions taken on these occasions have been aimed consistently at ameliorating the plight of the Hungarian people, whose interests were so adversely affected by Soviet armed intervention to crush the Hungarian national uprising and by the subsequent repressive measures taken against the Hungarian people.

The governments of the Soviet Union and of Hungary have failed thus far to cooperate with the United Nations and its appointed representatives as requested by pertinent decisions of the Organization. The problem of Hungary consequently remains an outstanding issue involving the principles of the Charter, and the Soviet and Hungarian authorities have to date taken no satisfactory steps that would enable the United Nations to progress toward its fundamental objective of ameliorating the situation of the Hungarian people and resolving this long-standing issue in the United Nations.

In view of this continuing situation, the Government of the United States of America believes that "the Question of Hungary" merits further discussion by the General Assembly and that it should be inscribed in the agenda of the Seventeenth Session.

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