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HUNGARIAN EXHIBIT AT STOCKHOLM FAIR.

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EVALUATION COMMENT: Hungary is a regular exhibitor at the St. Erik's Fair. The names are UNCONFIRMED.

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The Hungarians are again participating in the St. Erik's Fair that is organized in STOCKHOLM every autumn. Their delegation of experts is already here, but this year it is not headed by Mrs. Ilona LENKEY as in previous years, but by Mrs. S. NAGY. The personnel question has caused the Hungarians a good deal of trouble because the LEIPZIG Fair is this year at the same time as the St. Erik's. The other members of the delegation are:

Paul SONKOLY, L. HAVAS, E. HARASZTI, S. SPANKOVICS, A. BAROTHY, J. ALBITZ and S. KISS. They have been found lodgings at a pension in STOCKHOLM - not a hotel - and over and above a few words of German they know no foreign languages. Their pattern of behavior is much the same as in the previous years: early to bed and early to rise and no communication with anybody outside their own group.

The main exhibits of the Hungarians will be heavy machinery, textiles and some foodstuffs, mainly canned. Pride of place is taken by an air-cushion milling machine, the first of its kind in the world, the Hungarians say. Furthermore, they will try to do their best to promote their textile export

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which has suffered through the Swedish charges of dumping. As regards food, they have had difficulties lately to make the deliveries of canned spinach, for which they have contracted. Whole shipments of this ware have been turned down by the Swedes as unusable and the Hungarians are now studying the methods of the Swedish canning industry to find out where the fault lies. If necessary, they will purchase canning machinery from East Germany.

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