

PEOPLE'S PATRIOTIC FRONT MUST PLAY POSITIVE ROLE. (May 31, 1957. 0900GMT.

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In one of its articles MEPSZABADSAG discusses the rejuvenation of the Patriotic Peoples' Front and

The article searched for an answer to the question as to what the Patriotic People's Front should be like, or rather what it should not be like, and what kind of people's front is not desired. We do not want a people's front that takes neither a hot nor a cold stand toward the people's power or a people's front whose platform can be interpreted by anyone at will.

The article remarks in this respect that it was one of Imre Nagy's unforgivable crimes that he wanted to hoist over the People's Front his capitulating, nationalist, and revisionist pirate's flag. There can be no room in the people's front for those who look upon the regime with the eyes of a squinting butcher, or for people who would like, with their obscure imaginings, to use the People's Front movement again for the purposes of some hostile, malicious, and irresponsible incitement.

A decisive campaign must be waged against the shortsightedness that had degraded the People's Front to an idling machine and to ornamental decoration.

The article refers to sectarianism and dogmatism as well, trends that had failed to recognize the importance of the Patriotic People's Front. The paper then says that there are still misled people who continue to harbor illusions about the multi-party system. Behind all this one can find even in the minds of many otherwise honest people a desire to participate in the everyday problems of the country and to have a say in the political and public life. These people who see eye to eye with the Communists on such main problems as the building of socialism, the defense of peace, and the raising of the people's well-being must be given an opportunity to make their voice heard and to use their knowledge and ability for the good of the country. The Patriotic People's Front must become such a rallying force and a political arena.

The party expects the Patriotic People's Front to become not a conglomeration of yes-nodding johnnies but an organization giving forth well thought out and practical proposals. The Communists, working in the People's Front movement, therefore bear a great responsibility because it will depend on them how this large-scale and great political movement will be shaped.