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STALIN JOKE

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According to a current joke in BUDAPEST, when STALIN was placed on the pedestal of his statue in BUDAPEST, he started at once to reckon out how long he would remain there, using the fingers of his right hand to calculate.

The right forearm of the statue is extended, the palm of the hand upwards. The thumb and the first two fingers are open; the third is partially bent toward the palm, and the fourth finger lies against the palm. This is interpreted as:

"I wonder how long they will leave me on my pedestal -- will it be three, or will it be four years?"

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