

## Trade Unions' Works Council Proposals

At an extraordinary meeting the Praesidium of the Trade Union Council passed draft proposals concerning the establishment and functioning of the works councils (Uezemi Tanacsok). They are to work under the direction of the unions and their branches in factories, industrial enterprises, workshops, mines and State-run agricultural enterprises. Works Councils should supervise the enterprise generally, be consulted on investments and wages principles, and decide on the use of funds appropriated to social services. Works councils should also check the observance of the law

and encourage labour discipline. The proposals are to go to the Government, so that the scheme can finally be agreed by the latter and the unions. (Budapest 19.00, 16.10.57)

Erik (78er) said in 'Nepesabedsag' that most workers councils set up during, and immediately after, the counter-revolution had not fulfilled their purpose and their composition had been a mockery. They work had been largely a duplication of that of the trade unions. The new councils now proposed aimed at developing factory democracy based on trade union tradition and experience. (Hungarian information service 17.10.57)

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Workers' Guard Ceremonies: Colours given by the Hungarian Radio were presented to the workers' guards of Budapest City District No. 8 on 12th October. Those present included Col. Istvan Szekeres, Commander of the Budapest workers' guards; Agnes Bako, member of the Party Central Committee and First Secretary of the 8th City District Party Committee; and vice-Premier Antal Apro, who said: "You must never be parted from your weapon and must use it with courage when the country, the working people and the Party has to be defended" (Budapest 19.00, 12.10.57). A meeting of the building workers' 'Lezsce Bekanyi Workers' Guard Battalion' and of the ironworkers' 'Janos Asztalos Workers' Guard Battalion' at the Ferenc Rozsa House of Culture was attended by Apro, Ronai, Somogyi, members of the Party's Politburo, and the delegation of the Bolshevik veterans, at present in Hungary (Budapest 23.00, 12.10.57).