

Foreign Language Comment

North American listeners heard on 31st August a commentary by Dr. Gyorgy Zadorozhny, described as an expert on international law, who declared that under the Warsaw Treaty the Soviet troops had every right to intervene in Hungary and pointed to Article Six of the NATO Charter as providing grounds for similar action in Western Europe. In a later passage he compared the action of the counter-revolutionaries in trying to overthrow the Government by "indirect aggression" with US action in supporting the efforts of Armas to overthrow the Government of Guatemala. (Moscow in English for N America 23.00, 31.8.57)

Items in Hungarian referred to the "sense of solidarity" which the Soviet people were feeling with the Hungarian people in the latter's indignant protests against the interference of reactionary circles in Hungary's internal affairs. Use was also made of a statement by the Bench of Hungarian Catholic Bishops in which they had declared their "sincere support" for the Kadar Government. Another topic which also received attention was the condition of Hungarian refugees in the USA, emphasis being laid on the difficulties which they were experiencing in obtaining US citizenship. (Moscow in Hungarian 18.00, 31.8.57)

A number of the foreign-language services quoted an AFP report that a group of the European member States of the UN had held a meeting on 30th August at which the Hungarian question had been discussed. "It is noteworthy that such a meeting should be held on the eve of the special session. This attempt, whose aim is to reach agreement for bringing pressure on a number of delegates, is of a dangerous nature... It is creating a dangerous precedent which represents a grave danger of the disintegration of the UN. It is only natural that such suspicious activity is giving rise to alarm." The item also noted that it was significant that the French delegate had taken the chair, "the more so as France has her own troubles, for instance in Algeria". (Moscow in Hungarian 17.00, 2.9.57)