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Sir Leslie Munro, in commenting on the speech of Mr. Janos Kadar yesterday, said that he would speak in detail on the speech when he presented his report on the Hungarian question to the General Assembly. But he wished to emphasize that, contrary to what Mr. Kadar has said yesterday, the question of Hungary has everything to do with the Assembly's jurisdiction in the matter of Soviet aggression in Hungary and the Assembly's wish that the Hungarian people should have the right freely to choose their own government. Mr. Kadar is therefore in error in saying that the question has nothing to do with Hungarian reality. From a perusal of Mr. Kadar's speech it would not be apparent that, when he said yesterday that he was where he had to be and did what he had to do during a crucial time in the uprising, he was in fact chosen in Moscow as a puppet representative of the Soviet Government, and so far from his taking a stand for the working class of the Hungarian people he was a willing party in the action of Soviet troops shooting down hundreds of Hungarian workers who took part in the uprising. Moreover, it is a part of history that, in breach of his personal word of honour, Mr. Kadar was a principal party to the arrest of Mr. Imre Nagy and General Maléter when they left the sanctuary of the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest, and is responsible for the subsequent execution of these two members of the rightful government of Hungary.