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Rumors Of Improved Conditions In Hungary

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EVALUATION COMMENT: None.

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The effects of the current Communist propaganda that conditions are vastly improved in Hungary are becoming more and more apparent among the Hungarian colony in PARIS. Much of this propaganda comes from the press, but some of it is also being spread by word of mouth. The latest rumor circulating in the Hungarian colony is that the Hungarian /Communist/ Legation has granted many visas to French citizens of Hungarian origin to visit Hungary, and that these visas are comparatively easy to receive.

As far as can be learned there is no truth in these rumors, and no former Hungarian exiles who have received visas or who have even tried to get visas can be found. It is considered significant however that such rumors, undoubtedly inspired by the Communists are being spread in France. It is no doubt all part of the "peace offensive".

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