

LET OTHERS FOLLOW SZABO AND REPENT

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(Anonymous Commentary: "While It Is Not Too Late")

(Summary) Amid the worldwide sensational news of the last few days, one of the sensational events of our Hungarian life was bound to pale into insignificance. Yet this latter event will nevertheless form the subject of a great deal of discussion. As you know, Miklos Szabo, a former Smallholders Party deputy and one of the founders of the Revolutionary Council of Strasbourg returned to Hungary after two years' absence and gave a press conference to tell about his activities abroad.

"The stories told by Miklos Szabo may be painful to many people. No wonder, therefore, that even before Szabo's press conference certain so-called Western Hungarians became rather agitated. It is always dangerous when somebody knows a great deal." You have heard the many authentic details he gave at the press conference, details that carried us from Vienna by way of Munich to London, Rome, and the Pentagon in Washington.

"The Barchtesgaden espionage center of CIC, the Free Europe committee, and the various Hungarian emigre organizations, the agents congregating in fashionable nightclubs or dives--they all played equally great roles in Miklos Szabo's story. Mention was made of Dulles' brother, of Northyite general Bela Lengyel, of Bela Kiraly and Pal Zako, of Atilla Sziget and of Kalman Konkoly, the agent of Radio Free Europe, of Ferenc Nagy and General Kisbarnaky-Farkas, as well as of Bela Varga, Otto Hapsburg, Prince Eszterhazy, Cardinal Mindszenty, of the Strasbourg Council, and the Mindszenty movement."

"All this is quite understandable. After all, they form one single organization, the underworld network of foreigners and of renegade Hungarians conspiring against the socialist countries, Hungary in particular. It is only natural that the methods adopted by this network are compatible to its ignoble objective. Dollars and threats, promises and blackmail--they all have but one intention: to let loose the filthy flood of the counterrevolution upon our peaceful life.

"Miklos Szabo grew terrified and disgusted because of its bottomless depth. At the eleventh hour he turned his back on the traitors and murderers. He repented his crime and returned home. The Presidential Council, appreciating his repentance, reprieved him. As I said, Miklos Szabo tore himself away from the morass at the eleventh hour. What he related, he told so as to divert his compatriots abroad from the final path of betrayal of their country, from a path with no return. Let them withstand the allurements, let them refuse to smear their consciences with the propaganda of the various treacherous groups.

"There may be differences of opinions even among well-intentioned Hungarians. Miklos Szabo said himself that he disagreed on a number of important political questions. Yet those who still have a tiny spark of Hungarian feelings will turn away in disgust from the malefactors who attack their own country and people while it is not too late!"