

Officers' Graduation Ceremony

A graduation ceremony was held at the Zrinyi Military Academy on 2nd December in the presence of the Politburo members Bissku, Feher, Fock and Maennich; Maj.Gen. Gyula Usta, First Deputy Minister of National Defence; Maj.Gen. Ferenc Ugray, Chief of the Army General Staff; and Maj.Gen. Pal Ilku, Departmental Head in the Political Section of the People's Army.

Lt.Gen. Revesz: No Mercy for Enemies of People's Power

Lt.Gen. Geza Revesz, the Minister of Defence, made a speech. The fact that the Academy had been able to grant diplomas in higher military training to officers in the autumn of 1957 was the best evidence of the progress made since the defeat of the counter-revolution under the leadership of the Party in the country's political and economic consolidation and the reorganisation of the army, Revesz said. He added: "We must ensure the leading role of the Party in the armed forces, since this is the guarantee of their moral and political firmness. When it comes to defending the people's power and the dictatorship of the proletariat, there can be no room for wavering or compromise. Anyone who raises his hand against the people's power must be annihilated. You must know that should a commanding officer find himself in a situation in which the people's power is being attacked with arms, he must act without waiting for any instructions from above. Educate your men in true socialist patriotism, genuine friendship with the peoples of the socialist countries in the spirit of proletarian internationalism, fraternal co-operation and comradeship-in-arms with the armies of the socialist countries." (Budapest 21.00, 2.12.57)