

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Return to Self-sufficiency and Discipline

From 'Nepszabadsag'

Discussing economic aid enjoyed by Hungary, 'Nepszabadsag' of 19th October spoke of "the need to rely more and more on our own strength" from now on and added: "It is natural for our Party to stress that a situation in which other peoples agree to shoulder great material sacrifices for our sake is untenable and that we must not incur undue debts, since that would not point to our intention to achieve self-sufficiency. The correct way is to use our own resources and thus participate in the economic community of the socialist countries." (MTI 19.10.57)

On 20th October, the 'Nepszabadsag' leader spoke of "the need to restore order and discipline in every sphere of State and economic activity". There were "still many cases of theft, waste and confusion in enterprises" but there was "no question of resorting either to the absurd and high-handed methods formerly used in the fight against confusion or to the merciless methods used by the capitalists to obtain high productivity". Responsibility for failures should rest not only on industrial managements and Ministries but also on the individual workshop concerned. (MTI 20.10.57)

Peck on "People's Supervision"

On 18th October, 'Nepszabadsag' reported that at a meeting in Csepel, Jence Peck had said that "people's supervision" would be introduced in all spheres of economic life. This, he said, was necessary because there were "hundreds of thousands of people living among us who grew fat by the sweat of others before the liberation". These people would not resign their position of their own accord. Their "poor moral attitude" was having a harmful influence on some of the workers. "People's supervision" meant "social supervision". Speaking of the national supervision organisation, Peck said that under a Bill which had been drafted, the highest supervisory body would be the "People's Supervisory Committee" (Nepi Ellenőrző Bizottság). (Hungarian information service 18.10.57)