

"Nepszabadsag" Announces that Kadar is Vacationing in Bulgaria

The regime took almost three weeks to admit that Kadar is spending his holiday in Bulgaria (cf. Sit. Rep. of 3 July and 7 July), but even now the exact place of vacation is passed over in silence. After a short announcement on July 2, that Kadar had started his vacation, Radio Budapest reported on July 20 and "Nepszabadsag" on July 21 that Kadar and his wife, visited together with the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Yugov, the health resort of Nessebar and Burgasz. They visited also the international youth camp in Primorsko where the "Hungarian guests were received with great enthusiasm".

New Job for Istvan Hidas, a Former Associate of Rakosi

In a broadcast of Radio Budapest on July 21 a mention was made on Istvan Hidas, head of the commercial section of the Ministry of Metallurgy and Machine Industry, who attended a celebration. Hidas was a high-ranking industrial expert during the Rakosi era, member of his Politburo, Minister of Heavy Industry, later Minister of Chemical Industry and Power, Deputy Prime Minister, First Deputy Prime Minister and in the beginning of 1956 he became the chairman of the State Atomic Commission. He was known to have been one of the closest associates of Rakosi, one of the members of the younger team which Rakosi himself educated and brought with him up to the highest echelons of Party hierarchy.

After the 1956 uprising Hidas was singled out by Janos Kadar for the most scathing condemnation in the latter's memorable radio address of 14 November 1956. In fact Kadar announced that "as a former member of the Rakosi clique, Hidas would not be permitted to hold any kind of Party or state function in the future but should return to his original occupation". In May 1957 Hidas was forced to resign from his membership in Parliament. Nothing was heard of him for years, but it is likely that during the revolution he sought shelter in the Soviet Union whence he returned only in late 1958 on the basis of an earlier (Spring 1958) resolution of the Central Committee of the HSWP permitting the repatriation of former "rakosites" barring Rakosi himself and Gero (who has been repatriated also in the meantime). Officially Hidas' name appeared for the first time in the "Kulkereskeelem"

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(Foreign Trade) periodical which listed him as member of the editorial board. On his actual position the first mention was contained in the abovementioned broadcast.

Hungarian Delegation to Cuba

A two member Hungarian delegation left Budapest by air to attend the celebration of the Cuban revolution on July 26. Head of the delegation is Arpad Papp, commander in chief of the workers guard, while the other member is writer Mate Timar.

Hungarian Reaction to Telstar Experiment

The Hungarian Radio reported in its news about the successful Telstar experiment on July 23 and gave a short report on it from its London correspondent. The piece of news and the report spoke in objective tones about the event. In its July 22 issue "Nepszabadsag" carried a half a page report on the importance of the Telstar experiments. The article acknowledged objectively the great importance for communications of this achievement and expressed hope that the Soviet Union will join these space experiments approaching thus the formation of a world TV-system.