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Paris, November 20 - An investigation of violations of the Geneva Conventions and measures to ensure that "rights of all victims of the Hungarian conflict are protected" were urged today by the World Veterans Federation in a message to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

In a statement issued here, the WVF said it had full support in its request to Mr. Hammarskjöld from two other major non-governmental organizations - the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Confederation of Christian Trade Unions.

The WVF statement also condemned "the deportation of political and military prisoners from Hungary to foreign territory", and requested "immediate United Nations action, through the UN Secretary General or any impartial agency designated by him, to bring an immediate halt to such deportations and to obtain the immediate return of those already deported".

Both Hungary and the Soviet Union are contracting parties to the Geneva Conventions, the statement said. It added that "authoritative information from Hungary affirms that the Conventions have been continually violated".

The WVF sent messages to its member associations in 35 countries asking them to "bring this situation to the attention of their governments so that effective action may be taken through the United Nations".