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ISTANBUL CONSULATE ENCOURAGES FORMER HUNGARIAN CITIZENS  
TO VISIT HOMELAND.

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EVAL. COMMENT: In line with the practices of Hungarian diplomatic representatives stationed in other countries /e.g. France and Great Britain./

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The Hungarian diplomatic representatives in Turkey resort to a new method in the "Go Home" propaganda campaign: they encourage former Hungarians who now hold Turkish or other passports, to go back to Hungary and visit their relatives. During the first four months of 1956, four such known cases have been recorded where former Hungarians /NU/ now bearers of Turkish passports, have spent 10 to 15 days in Hungary as tourists.

This campaign was started after the failure of luring stateless Hungarians to apply for new passports. So far no case is known where a former Hungarian citizen, now living in Turkey and enjoying political asylum, has applied for Hungarian citizenship.

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Apparently the diplomatic representatives hope to make use of Turkish citizens of Hungarian origin to convince Hungarian emigrants living in Turkey that conditions "back home" are now good and that it pays to return to Hungary.

There are, roughly speaking, three groups of Hungarians living in Turkey: emigrants who refuse to have anything to do with the Communist Regime; those who are bearers of valid /Communist/ passports and who are in contact with the Hungarian Consulate, and finally, a considerable number of stateless persons and/or those having Turkish citizenship, who find no harm in maintaining good relations with the Communist diplomatic representatives. It is obvious that the Communists hope to find "converts" from among the last-named group.

There are quite a few stateless Hungarians living in ISTANBUL who see no harm in visiting the Hungarian Consulate on the occasion of Communist holidays when receptions are held. In most cases these people, artisans and small businessmen, are wooed by the consular officials who give them "gifts from the homeland" consisting of Hungarian salami, Tokay wine and paprika.

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