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STUDENT CHEERED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

SOURCE GRAZ: An 18-year-old student who escaped in January 1956. He expressed his own opinions and reported comments made by older persons.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until January 12 1956.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None.

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The GENEVA Conferences

We expected a lot from the first GENEVA Conference. We believed that upon mutual agreement, the Soviets would be compelled to withdraw their troops, after which free elections would be held under international control. The latter would have meant the liquidation of the Communist regime in Hungary once and for all. It is understandable, therefore, that people in Hungary were looking forward to the GENEVA Conference with so much suspense. The group of pessimists was never as big as it was when the "big heads" did not make any decisions but passed the agenda over to the foreign ministers and set the time for negotiations in the autumn.

After such preliminaries, we did not expect much from the second GENEVA Conference. As can be seen from the

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results, we were right. The Spirit of GENEVA burst like a thin bubble and what remained is an uncertain, temporary state of affairs, which is the worst.

President EISENHOWER's Christmas Message

I did not hear President EISENHOWER's Christmas Message over the radio. I read an article in "Szabad Nép" entitled "Rough Intrusion" in which the unwanted interference into Hungary's internal affairs was objected to. I know that older people in my village talked about the message; unfortunately I did not listen to it. One of my friends, who heard the message from other people, repeated some of the sentences he retained. The exact wording does not really matter, the important thing is that once again the oppressed nations were told that the US is concerned about their fate.

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ENGLISH SYNOPSIS: Hungarians expected a great deal from the first GENEVA conference, were therefore bitterly disappointed and, with justification, placed few hopes on the foreign ministers' meeting. The "Spirit of GENEVA" burst like a soap bubble, leaving the world in an unstable and unbearable political situation.

Source first read about President EISENHOWER's Christmas message in "Szabad Nép," which called it "a brutal interference in the domestic affairs to the country." Older persons in his village discussed the message, but source took no interest in these conversations. He says that the words of the President's message are immaterial, so long as the USA continue to take an interest in the fate of the captive peoples.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None.

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The GENEVA Conferences.

"Az első "GENFtől" sokat vártunk. Azt hittük, hogy itt végre megegyezéssé alapon csapataik kivonására kényszerítik az oroszokat s ezt követően nemzetközi

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ellenőrzés mellett szabad választásokat tartanak. Ez utóbbi pedig a kommunista rendszer egyszer és mindenkorra való felszámolását jelentette volna Magyarországon. Érthető tehát, hogy milyen feszült várakozással néztek az emberek GENF felé. A sötétenlátók tábora soha ennyi "tagot" nem számolt mint amikor a "nagyok" nem hoztak döntéseket, hanem ezeket a külügyminisztereknek átengedték és a tanácskozások időpontját ősre tűzték ki.

A második GENFtől ilyen előzmények után nem reméltünk sokat. Amint az eredményekből látható - igazunk is volt. A GENFi szellem szétpukkadtt mint egy vékonyfalú hólyag és maradt a mindennél rosszabb bizonytalan - ideiglenes állapot."

EISENHOWER karácsonyi üzenete.

President EISENHOWER's Christmas Message

"EISENHOWER elnök karácsonyi üzenetét rádióban nem hallottam. Csak a Szabad Népben olvastam a "Durva Beavatkozás" cím alatt megjelent cikket amelyben visszautasítják az "illetéktelen" beavatkozást Magyarország belügyeibe.." Azt tudom, hogy idősebb emberek beszéltek a faluban az üzenetről, de sajnálatomra nem figyeltem meg, hogy mit. Velem egyik barátom - aki maga is mástól hallotta - ismertette az üzenet néhány emlékezetében megmaradt mondatát. Véleményem szerint majdnem mindegy, hogy szószerint mi is volt benne, a lényeges az, hogy ezuttal ismét tudomást szerezhettek az elnyomott népek arról, hogy az USA nem hagyja őket sorsukra sőt, hogy törődnek velük."

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