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HUNGARY

FOREIGN RELATIONS (1500)
Visitors (1501)

DANES TOUR HUNGARY.

SOURCE STOCKHOLM: RFE News Bureau.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: July 25 1956.

EVALUATION COMMENT: In line with Hungarian endeavors to attract tourists to Hungary. The special exchange rate for Western tourists is also known from the press.

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The Danish Youth Hostel Organization, Dansk Vandrelaug, has organized through its travel agency its first journey behind the Iron Curtain, that is to Hungary.

The head of the travel agency, Mr. Paul H. EVERLOFF, who accompanied the party, said upon his return that the journey came up to expectations. The participants were treated like tourists in other countries, and were not importuned by propaganda as immediately after the war.

The Youth Hostel travelers were accommodated at a clean and nice hotel (in a very old fashioned style) and enjoyed the trip. The choice for the journey has been Hungary, because this country has a special tourist rate of exchange that is about half of the official rate. Mr. EVERLOFF said he hoped that a similar arrangement would be established with Czechoslovakia so that the travel agency could next year offer a journey VIENNA-BUDAPEST-PRAGUE. He also said that Hungary is not yet open for individual tourist journeys.

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