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CURT- (H) PAPER DEMANDS SURGEON'S REHABILITATION

Munich, June 22, Monit/Leason...The Hungarian newspaper Magyar Nemzet

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F10 today called for the "complete rehabilitation" of the Hungarian nerve surgeon, ~~Kalman~~ Kalman Santha, who in 1951 was thrown out of the Academy of Science, ~~and~~ removed from his university post at Debrecen and banished to the provinces because he "had always expressed his opinion honestly and ~~and~~ sincerely." 1.

The paper said that in the past few days Santha has rejected an Academy of Sciences decision to re-install him as an ordinary member "in view of his recent human and political behavior..."

Santha did so because the head of the communist party's cultural department ~~and~~ recently told him the party now considers the 1951 action against him to have been unjust.

"After these talks Santha could not but reject the remission of his punishment on the grounds of good behavior," the paper said.

The ostensible reason for his transfer from the university at Debrecen to Balassagyarmet was that he had told his students that Stakhanovism is ~~one~~ one of the exciting factors liable to produce mental disease.

Magyar Nemzet said that in putting his opinions, Santha had sometimes been right, sometimes wrong.

"But the point is that, as a member of the old intelligensia, he wanted to play an active part in the country's great constructive efforts," Magyar Nemzet said.

The newspaper said "the wrong done to the scientist" had been costly for the nation.

For five years "one of Europe's most gifted nerve surgeons has not been able to operate...Between 1945 and 1951 he wrote two textbooks and 15 treatises but during his five years at Balassagyarmet he wrote only three short papers."

Magyar Nemzet calls its article the "Santha Affair."

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