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# ORGANIZING THE INTELLECTUALS

## KADAR GOVERNMENT SEEKS SUPPORT

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The release of Mr. Gyorgy Lukacs from banishment is being utilized by the Kadar régime to try to revitalize intellectual life in Hungary, and especially to create the nucleus of a pro-Government organization in opposition to the patriotic Petöfi and similar groups, which were in the forefront of the anti-Communist rising.

Mr. Lukacs's release, it now appears, was timed to coincide with the visit to Budapest of a Russian cultural delegation led by Professor Mitin: it may well have been—as is maintained in some quarters—the result of Russian intervention on Mr. Lukacs's behalf. Professor Mitin, who for many years was director of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute in Moscow, has a high regard for Mr. Lukacs, who is a leading Marxist philosopher.

### "CHARLATANS"

Addressing a meeting of professors and students at the Lorand Eötvös University, Professor Mitin, in the name of the Soviet delegation, expressed sorrow that a number of Hungarian intellectuals had sided with the "counter-revolutionaries." The meeting was one of a series held with the purpose of inducing Hungarian intellectuals to support the Kadar régime and renounce the independent ideology of the nationalists and anti-Russians.

Supporting Professor Mitin's theme the vice-chairman of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Professor Bela Fogarasi, told Hungarian intellectuals that they must now make their position clear and be faithful to the people's democracy. He denounced the Nagy Government as one which, by "propagating anti-Sovietism and anti-socialism," had done the country great harm. "We can no longer permit," he said, "charlatans to speak in the name of Hungarian intellectuals in Hungary and abroad. We have had enough of the counter-revolution in science and ideology." He called on all intellectuals to be "honest and sincere" and to work in the spirit of Hungarian-Soviet friendship and Marxist ideology.

Along the same lines, the executive of the Society of Social and Natural Sciences in Budapest passed a resolution expressing the hope that intellectuals would realize that they must now work "in unity with the people in the construction of Socialism."

### STUDENT DRIVE

Students' organizations, also, are being subjected to the same campaign. University and high school associations throughout the country are made to hold meetings and pass resolutions denouncing the "errors" that were committed, and thus "rectify the mistakes made by the old youth unions." Groups of "student activists" are being formed at the universities to organize debates and take a "unified, disciplined, and bold stand" in the face of "political confusion."

There is also to be a new organization of young Hungarian journalists, who "with their pens will help to liquidate the counter-revolutionary ideology and promote the building of Socialism."

## NEWS PICTURE LEADS TO ARREST

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

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A Budapest tram conductress, Eszter Zircsak, has been arrested as a "counter-revolutionary" on the strength of a news photograph appearing in the American magazine *Life*, according to *Nep Szabad-sag*, the Hungarian Communist newspaper.

The newspaper said that the woman had been identified in the photograph among a group of people who were maltreating a "woman Civil servant" (presumably a woman member of the A.V.H. secret police) during the October risings.