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The first Moscow reaction came in a broadcast to the United States on 20 June, alleging that the Report was prepared at the dictation of the State Department in order to poison the international climate, to "whitewash the organizers of the Fascist uprising and their backers in Washington, and to distract attention from the disarmament problem."

In another widely used commentary by Viktorov in foreign languages, on the same day, the Special Committee was termed "illegal", and its testimonies "false", violating the UN Charter which "categorically forbids interference in the internal affairs of member states."

In a comment by Stepanov for the United Kingdom on 21 June, it was emphasized that the Report was "compiled by members of the Committee who have never been to Hungary."

The first full-scale commentary on the Report for home consumption consisted of a despatch from Pravda's London <sup>correspondent</sup> ~~correspondence~~ on 22 June saying that the publication of the Report by an "unlawful commission.....camouflaged by the UN flag" was a deliberate move to divert world attention from the new Soviet disarmament proposals.

In another commentary, Anatoli Grishin under the heading "A clumsy manoeuvre by the enemies of peace" stated that the "Report is based on some theses compiled by the U.S. Representative in the UN, Mr. Lodge."

In another Moscow broadcast on 22 June to foreign listeners, it was stated:

"There is no Hungarian question. It was created artificially. The Hungarian Government, expressing the will of the people, has repeatedly protested against intervention in the country's internal affairs. Would it not be better to have done with the whole thing and say openly that the USA is trying to raise a hullabaloo over Hungary for the purpose of intervening in her internal affairs under the banner of the UN? This is today clear to the broad public circles which are protesting against the subversive activities of the United States."



And in a Moscow broadcast on 24 June to Hungary, under the heading "The Provocation will be defeated", it was stated:

"As our dear listeners already know, reactionary Western papers have been quite hysterical for the last four days over the UN Special Committee's Report on the so-called Hungarian problem. ....But it is obvious that the whole propaganda bluff designed by the American reactionaries.....has failed to exercise a greater impact on the peoples than a cheap conjuror's trick in the market square. ....The Committee was set up under the U.S. pressure, in the interests of American leading circles and the majority of the UN members did not support its establishment."

In a broadcast for home consumption on 25 June, Moscow said to its listeners:

"A scummy wave of slander and insinuation has flooded the pages of bourgeois papers during the last few days. Avid for provocations, the slanderers have seized upon a cheap forgery - the recently published Report of the so-called Special Committee on the Hungarian Question".

A Moscow broadcast in Hungarian hopefully declares:

"We are sure that the Report's crude falsifications will convince sobre UN delegates that certain imperialist circles wish to use the Report to impede the much-desired relaxation in international affairs."

On 27 June, Moscow Radio, noting that "the Moscow papers are unmasking the latest propaganda claptrap about the so-called Hungarian question recently started by US Government circles" brings excerpts from Ilvestia. The paper points out that the provocative Report of the Committee bears no relation whatever to the truth. Hungarian public opinion is shocked that a document has originated from the international organization which deeply offends the dignity of the Hungarian people and aims exclusively at the increasing of international tension.

In further commentaries on what was described as the "faked Report", K in



Hungarian and other foreign languages on 28 June, special attention was drawn to the US Congress resolution calling for a meeting of the General Assembly, an action which was explained as an attempt to intensify international tension and divert public attention from the Soviet disarmament proposals. A Tass transmission for abroad quoted its Washington correspondent as saying that the Congress resolution also showed that "a slanderous attempt is being made to blacken the role of the Soviet Army in Hungary, representing it in an utterly distorted light."

A Pravda article by Kuznetsov was broadcast on 30 June, in which he accused the authors of the Report of "hoping to provoke disorders in Hungary, to breathe new life into the miserable handful of counter-revolutionaries lurking in their hide-outs away from the wrath of the people and in the final analysis to wrench Hungary away from the Socialist camp."

On 2 July, Pravda carried an article by its Budapest correspondent, quoting from the Hungarian press under the title "The Hungarian People are giving a well-deserved rebuff to the slanderers." This included a statement by a member of the Indian Parliament who had recently been in Hungary, to the effect that the conclusions of the UN Committee were "absurd and completely devoid of all legal validity."

A radio talk in English to a US audience on 30 June stated that Hungary was returning to normal, but the supporters of last year's adventures were not yet satisfied. This could be seen by the fresh hullabaloo raised by Western propaganda about the provocative document produced by the UN Committee. Its authors hoped that they would be able to use it as a means of continuing their interference in the internal affairs of Hungary.