

Laszlo Gyáros replied to certain statements claiming that several students had been banned from the universities for ideological reasons, that others, unable to pay the tuition fees, had to leave the universities and that yet others were at an advantage with regard to admission to the universities because of their peasant origin but were not interested in studying and would rather stay in the paternal home to lighten the position of the peasantry.

Laszlo Gyáros explained that certain students had in fact been banned from the universities but not only for ideological reasons but because they had violated the law and had engaged in activities of incitement during the counterrevolution.

The ratio of these students is less than five in a thousand compared to the whole strength of university students.

As for tuition fees, no one has had to leave the university on account of the recent tightening of purses, because tuition fees are payable only by the parents of those whose financial situation permits a contribution toward the fees. On the other hand, good academic achievements reduce the tuition fees.

Moreover, besides the tuition fees, which are 1,000 forints per term at the maximum, no supplementary fees are payable by the students, either for registration, or examinations, or for laboratory experiments. As for peasant youth, the fact that the financial situation and the peasant's conditions in production have improved facilitates higher studies. This year, a higher percentage of peasant youth presented itself for the matriculation examinations than in previous years.

Replying to another question on camping and study tours by young Hungarian students in Western countries, Gyáros explained that, despite actual difficulties the government had, this year, given several students the opportunity of going camping in France. The Hungarian Government will do everything to develop cultural relations, including reciprocal study tours.

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