

Parliamentary Visitors

Sudanese Deputies' Arrival: Two members of the Sudanese delegation to the London conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Hassan Abd El-Gader and Hassan El-Tahir Zarroug, arrived in Hungary on 25th September by invitation of the Hungarian delegates to the conference (Summary Part IIB, No.866, p.8). They are to be joined on the 27th by the Sudanese Minister of Health, Mohammed Amin El-Sayed. They were welcomed on their arrival by Mihalyfi, Vice-Chairman of the Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee; Barcs, a member of the Presidential Council; and Pesta, the Clerk to the Assembly. Later the same day they visited the President of the Assembly, Ronai. (Budapest 20.00 and MTI 25.9.57)

Indian Deputies in Hungary: A group of Indian Deputies, invited on the same occasion, arrived in Budapest on 26th September. They are Pandit Hriday Nath Munzru, Shri Bimal Kumar Ghose, Nemi Chandra Kasliwal, and Shri S.L. Shakhdar. They will spend some days in Hungary. They were received at the airport by Deputies Erik Molnar, Sándor Barcs and Mihaly Biro, and by the Indian Charge d'Affaires ad interim, P. Ratnam. (MTI 26.9.57)

Syrian Delegates' Activities: The activities of the Syrian Deputies now in Hungary (Summary Part IIB, No.866, p.8) included a press conference on 25th September, presided over by Istvan Darvas, Deputy Head of the Information Office of the Council of Ministers. The journalists were addressed by the head of the delegation, Bashour, who thanked Hungary for her "support for the cause of Syria and Egypt when they had to face imperialist aggression" and hoped that Hungarian-Syrian relations would become even closer (MTI 26.9.57). The same evening the President of the Hungarian Assembly, Ronai, gave a reception in honour of the delegates. Those present included Muennich, Mezval, Csörgoe, Mme. Jozsef Nagy, Kristof, Mme. Istvan Vass, Nagyistok, Szarka, and the Sudanese Deputies. (MTI 26.9.57)

International Points in Brief

Egyptian Scholarship Students Expected: 'Magyar Nemzet' reports that the first group of 25 Egyptian scholarship holders will arrive next month to begin their studies in Hungary. (Hungarian information service 25.9.57)

Jamaican TU Leader's Broadcast: In a poorly received broadcast, the Secretary of the Sugar and Agricultural Workers' Union of Jamaica, Herbert (?Sinclair) said that 200,000 of the island's population of 1,500,000 were unemployed and spoke of the Jamaican people's support for the People's Progressive Party in British Guiana, which was now "pulling ahead" of the rest of the Caribbean. Their present aim was to shake the forces of imperialism in the Western Hemisphere. (Budapest in English 20.00, 24.9.57)

Western Tourists: Ten thousand Western visitors have crossed the frontier at Hegyeshalom so far this year. This gives the lie to "wailing prophecies predicting that the Kadar regime would cut Hungary off from the West". The Western guests included businessmen, journalists and even hunters. (Budapest in Hungarian for W Europe 19.00, 24.9.57)

Jewish Representative's Statement: In a statement to 'Magyar Nemzet' prior to his departure from Hungary, Dr. Gerhard M. Riegner, a representative of the World Jewish Congress (Summary Part IIB, No.865, p.5), said that he had witnessed religious services and religious instruction in Hungary. On the basis of this he would tell Congress that there was religious freedom in Hungary. (Hungarian information service 25.9.57)