

Possibility of Kadar's visit to Yugoslavia (Associated Press)

Budapest, 2 January - Hungary's Foreign Ministry spokesman said today he would not be surprised if Communist Premier Janos Kadar makes a visit to Yugoslavia.

(b) Asked about a report published in the Vienna daily, Die Presse, spokesman Laszlo Gyarus told reporters: "The information of Die Presse is not from an official source. I am very sorry personally that I can not confirm this news as I have received no information about it, but I do not deny it as I should not be surprised if this news of Die Presse should prove true on this occasion."

A visit to Yugoslavia would be a step in Kadar's effort to portray himself as to some degree independent of the Soviet Forces which placed him in office after crushing the 1956 revolt.

He returned from his last visit just on the eve of the uprising, in which he at first took the side of "Titoist" Premier Imre Nagy.

The Yugoslavs also were sympathetic to Nagy and were considerably put out when he was seized by Soviet forces and taken to Romania after being released from asylum in the Yugoslav Legation here.

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KADAR'S TRIP TO BELGRADE (?)

The paper has learned from well-informed sources that a Hungarian Party- and Government delegation will visit Belgrade in the near future. According to the same information the delegation will be under the leadership of Kadar and it will visit the Yugoslav capital in January.

In the last weeks there was a strong push forward of the old-Stalinist group, lead by Revai, noticeable in the Hungarian Communist Party. To weaken the influence of this group, Kadar is hoping to strengthen his personal and political position through a closer co-operation with Tito.