

## Relations with North Africa

### Talks with Algerian and French Communists

A communique on talks between the leaders of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party and the Algerian Communist Party in Budapest on 4th December, said that Hungary was represented by Janos Kadar, First Secretary of the Central Committee; Sandor Ronai, member of the Politburo; and Dancso Nemes, alternate Politburo member; and the Algerians by Larbi Bouhali, First Secretary of the Party, and Rachid Aly Bey, member of the Politburo.

After being informed about the situation in Algeria, the Hungarian representatives expressed their complete solidarity with the struggle of the Algerian Communist Party. They also informed the Algerian leaders of Hungary's political and economic situation. The latter showed full understanding and praised Hungarian successes.

The representatives of the two Parties were also said to have discussed "some topical questions of the labour movement. In assessing these questions, their views were entirely identical and corresponding to the spirit of the Moscow Declaration of the Communist and Workers' Parties of the socialist countries." The talks took place in a friendly atmosphere and were characterised by complete agreement. (Budapest 21.00 and MTI 7.12.57)

Bouhali told 'Nepszabadsag' that the Algerian problem could be solved on the basis of agreement between Algeria and France. If France recognised Algeria's right to independence, an agreement and a cease-fire could be concluded. Asked about the

role of the Algerian Communist Party and the independence movement, he said that the Party had dissolved its armed forces in 1956. These forces had now joined the National Liberation Army. The Algerian Communist Party was conducting its own policy and guarding its independence. (Budapest in English 20.00, 6.12.57)

A delegation of the French Communist Party, led by Gaston Viens, Secretary of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, called on Sandor Ronai, speaker of the National Assembly, and Kadar; Karoly Kiss and Jozsef Sandor, (a Central Committee member), were also present. (Budapest in English 20.00, 6.12.57; Budapest 21.00, 5.12.57)

### Trade Agreement with Morocco

After talks conducted in a very friendly atmosphere, the first Hungarian-Moroccan trade agreement was signed in Rabat on 7th December. Hungary will deliver machines, industrial installations, chemicals, textiles, and food preserves and receive superphosphates, iron ore, fodder, sub-tropical fruit and sardines. Janos Nyerges, commercial counsellor, signed for Hungary and Dr. Abes Benani, director of the economic treaties department of the Foreign Ministry, for Morocco. (Budapest in English 15.00, 7.12.57; for W Europe 05.30, 8.12.57)