

To: Mr. Jordan

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Subject: United Nations broadcasts in Hungarian

On Wednesday, 14 October, the Fifth Committee decided that the daily 5-minute transmission in Hungarian was to stop. Two days later, on 16 October, and be replaced by a weekly 15-minute Hungarian-language resume to be broadcast each Saturday.

During the discussion which took place in the Fifth Committee preceding this decision, the representative of the Soviet Union asked for a 10 to 15 ~~(200)~~ per cent cut to be effected by "the liquidation of certain organs", among these the office of the United Nations Representative on Hungary, and the carrying on of a large part of United Nations public information activities "by Member States themselves". This proposal of the Soviet Union for lightening the financial burden of the United Nations through "freeing the United Nations of the elements of the cold war" was supported by Czechoslovakia, Romania, Albania and Hungary. Poland kept silent.

The Secretary-General, on 16 October, submitted for the consideration of the Fifth Committee a budget of \$5,138,600 for United Nations information activities for 1960. The Soviet Union submitted a draft resolution calling for a limit of \$4.5 million, which was withdrawn in favour of a ~~British~~ <sup>United Kingdom</sup> proposal for a limit of "about \$5 million". The resolution containing this proposal was adopted by a vote of 64 in favour, none against, and 3 abstentions, on Wednesday, 28 October.