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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEM OF HUNGARY UNITED NATIONS NEWYORK ■

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS
FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WAS RELEASED TODAY TO THE PRESS
STOP THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF ^{JURISTS} HAS TODAY REQUESTED
THE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE FURTHER PARTICULARS
CONCERNING MRS JULIA RAJK GABOR TANCOS AND SANDOR

HARASZTI WHO ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED
ARE NOW BEING SECRETLY TRIED IN BUDAPEST IT IS BELIEVED THAT
THE CHARGE IS TREASON MRS RAJK WAS IMPRISONED FOR 5 YEARS UNDER
THE RAKOSI REGIME AFTER HER HUSBAND WHO WAS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD
BEEN ARRESTED SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO

SEE HER HUSBAND BEFORE HIS DEATH BUT WAS DELIBERATELY PUT INTO
A NEARBY CELL TO ENABLE HER TO HEAR THE SOUNDS OF HIS HANGING
ON JUNE 18 1956 MRS RAJK WAS WELCOMED BY THE PETOFI CIRCLE
WITH STORMY APPLAUSE ACCORDING TO THE HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER
MAGYAR NEZMET WHEN THE MEMBERS WERE

DISCUSSING THE REHABILITATION OF HER HUSBAND APART FROM THE
CEREMONIES WHEN LASZLO RAJK WAS POSTHUMOUSLY REINSTATED WITH
LAUDATORY TRIBUTES FROM MUENNICH THE PRESENT PRIME MINISTER
AND ANTAL APRO AT PRESENT MINISTER OF STATE MRS RAJK HAS TAKEN
NO PART IN POLITICS SHE WAS AWARDED 200,000 FORINTS COMPENSATION
FOR HER SUFFERINGS

BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING AFTER THE SOVIET
FORCES REENTERED BUDAPEST SHE SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE YUGOSLAV
EMBASSY TOGETHER WITH IMRE NAGY SHE LEFT THE EMBASSY UNDER A
SAFE CONDUCT FROM THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT GABOR TANCOS ALSO
SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HIS NAME WAS TWICE
MENTIONED

IN THE INDICTMENT OF IMRE NAGY HE IS ACCUSED THERE OF TURNING
THE PETOFI CIRCLE INTO A MEETING PLACE FOR HOSTILE ELEMENTS AND
A FORUM FOR ATTACKS AGAINST THE PARTY AND THE STATE LATER HE
WAS CHARGED WITH INITIATING THE DEMONSTRATION OF OCTOBER 23 1956
WHEN 200 TO 300,000 PEOPLE

GATHERED OUTSIDE THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING AND CALLED FOR IMRE
NAGY THE THIRD ACCUSED SANDAR HARASZTI WAS ALSO A PROMINENT
MEMBER OF THE PETOFI CIRCLE AND LIKE TANCOS SOUGHT REFUGE IN
THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN THE LIGHT OF THIS NEWS THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION EMPHASIZES THE FALSITY OF THE DECLARATION BY
HUNGARY

CHIEF PROSECUTOR GEZA SZENASI WHO ON JUNE 20 DECLARED THAT
NO MAJOR TRIALS WERE IN PREPARATION FOLLOWING THE EXECUTION
OF IMRE NAGY PAL ^{MALETER} AND ASSOCIATES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
URGENTLY DRAWS WORLD ATTENTION TO THE GENERAL ASSAULT NOW BEING
LAUNCHED BY MEANS DENYING ALL THE ELEMENTARY REQUISITES OF
JUSTICE LAW

AND HUMANITY ON THOSE IN ANY WAY IDENTIFIED WITH THE IDEALS OF
THE OCTOBER RISING THE COMMISSION HAS IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THE
UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEM OF HUNGARY
OF THESE LATEST DISTURBING DEVELOPMENTS AND HAS REQUESTED FURTHER
INFORMATION FROM THE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES INFORMATION WAS
ALSO RECEIVED THAT ON

MAY 22 A SECRET TRIAL OF 18 STUDENTS WAS CONCLUDED THEIR AGES
WERE FROM 21 TO 26 THEY WERE CHARGED WITH ORGANIZING THE DISTRIBUTION
OF A REVOLUTIONARY NEWSPAPER ELUNK DURING THE OCTOBER IPRISING
ALL BUT ONE WERE FOUND GUILTY SIX WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH ONE
TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND THE

REMAINDER RECEIVED SENTENCES RANGING FROM 12 YEAR TO LIFE
IMPRISONMENT IT IS FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE ACCUSED WERE
HANDCUFFED AND WERE MARCHED INTO THE COURTROOMS IN PAIRS
THE DEFENCE COUNSEL WERE REQUIRED TO SWEAR NOT TO REVEAL
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SENTENCES

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