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ON THE SITUATION IN HUNGARY

The World Veterans Federation has supported from the outset the heroic efforts of the Hungarian people for national independence and freedom from foreign political and military control.

The WVF condemns the brutal intervention of Soviet troops in Hungary, the placing in power of men already disowned by the nation, and the denial by force of the right to self-rule which popular national sentiment had entrusted to the National Front government.

The WVF calls upon all other non-governmental organizations to join with it in messages to the United Nations, which will show clearly that the weight of world opinion condemns Soviet armed intervention in Hungary.

The WVF reiterates its appeal to its member associations for contributions for medical aid and food supplies to Hungary, for which the need has now greatly increased.

The WVF gives its full support to efforts currently being made by the United Nations General Assembly to halt this armed intervention and to protect the rights of the Hungarian people. It appeals to the nations of the UN General Assembly to support all measures aimed at:

- Effecting a cease-fire and immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary;
- Guaranteeing free national elections at the earliest possible date;
- Ensuring that no prisoners of war will be deported to foreign territory and that their rights will be protected, in accordance with the principle of the Geneva Convention;
- Ensuring that medical aid and food supplies will continue to flow freely to the Hungarian people.

The WVF urges the immediate creation of a United Nations Commission fully authorized to enter Hungary, which will make a full investigation of the situation in that country and supervise the implementation of the above measures.