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1. The Hungarian National Civil-Defense System (Magyar Országos Légvédelmi Szervezet) comes under the authority of the Air-Defense Command (Légvédelmi Főparancsnokság), which issues orders in peace-time to the civil-defense system through the appropriate ministries. Aside from a limited number of orders from other ministries, most of the orders are issued by the Ministry of the Interior. 25X1
2. The implementation of civil-defense measures is the responsibility of the local councils, which appoint special officials for that purpose. Full-time local civil-defense leaders are members of the permanent staff of an organization called the Civil-Defense Police (Légvédelmi Rendőrség). The civil-defense police wear uniforms with bright green shoulder boards and collar tabs. Technical detachments also wear a branch insignia (an anchor surmounted by a crossed axe and mattock). 25X1
3. The functions of the civil-defense police are fairly broad and include: a. all administrative work related to civil-defense operations; b. supply procurement and handling; c. registration and training of personnel; d. supervision of the execution of published civil-defense orders.
4. Due to its numerous duties, the civil-defense police's work has been ineffective and is actually restricted to recruitment and training. Without the help of the local Party organizations, the civil-defense program would be completely unsuccessful in the face of public indifference. The Party organizations are forced to order men and women to attend the training courses, although the law specifically states that all such work is voluntary. By the end of a course, only half of the registered students remain. The training fares better in the larger factories and enterprises, where more pressure may be exerted on the individual workers.
5. It is believed that the railroad personnel and the railroad communications system are part of the civil-defense reporting and warning network.

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