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- When in May, under the pressure of the Radical Bloc. Dezső Sulyok and ten others of the Independent Small Holders Party were expelled from the party, Sulyok applied to the ACC for permission to organize a new party under the name of the Szabadság (Freedom) Party. General Sviridov requested Prime Minister Nagy to ascertain whether the government or the then existing democratic parties had any objection. Upon receiving Nagy's answer to the contrary, he wrote the Prime Minister a letter stating the absence of these objections. At the same time, Radio Moscow and Uj Szó the official Hungarian paper of Red Army, announced that Sulyok had received "permission" from ACC to organize his party. Sulyok went ahead with his new party and in his first speech as its president said that Hungary should so manage her affairs that if another calamity should occur she would be able to remain neutral. The Russians were displeased. When they learned that Cardinal Mindszenty had congratulated Sulyok and had had several conferences with him, Sulyok was summoned to appear before a Major Beleyov and was told that Sviridov had merely acknowledged Nagy's information but had not granted permission for organizing a new party. Sulyok answered that in the face of the announcements by Radio Moscow and Uj Szó the publication of this new attitude would put the Russians in an awkward position, and requested permission to keep it a secret. He did keep it secret but kept his party going. He was invited recently to a banquet held in honor of some Russian officers and was decorated by President Zoltán Tildy as the "President of the Freedom Party". Recently Sviridov unofficially indicated that he now has no objection to the existence of the party.

- Cardinal Mindszenty, having failed to organize his Christian Party, has approached Sulyok several times, offering him his full and open support but has refused to comply with Sulyok's request that in that case he should refrain from making political statements or speeches in the future. Sulyok's party is considered the extreme right party in parliament; and while Sulyok himself is a progressive democrat, two-thirds of the members of the party are reactionaries. Sulyok knows this and is very unhappy about his flock; but having been expelled

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with them from the Small Holders Party, he felt he could not abandon them when he formed his new party.

3. Heretofore a man comparatively unknown outside of Budapest, he has become one of the most popular men in the country. During the Peasant Convention held in Budapest in September with about 200,000 peasants attending, Sulyok received the biggest ovation except for American Minister Schpenfeld... far bigger than Prime Minister Nagy, and most certainly bigger than President Tildy. He has been requested several times by influential Small Holders --- with the knowledge of the Prime Minister --- to accept a portfolio in the cabinet. But he will not take any post unless his party is accepted as a full member of the coalition. He seems to believe, and possibly correctly, that if county and municipal elections are held, his party will show a surprising strength. Irrespective of the outcome of such elections, Sulyok is a coming power in Hungarian politics, and some indications were made that if he withstands the offers of Mindszenty, his growth will not be opposed by the Russians who realize that if his party grows, it will be at the expense of the Small Holders. Sulyok still believes that within five years Russia will realize the hopelessness of her case in Hungary, and will gracefully withdraw her efforts at penetration unless the international tension has grown meanwhile.

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