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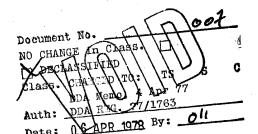
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1. István Bede, Hungarlan Minister to London now enroute to Hungary, is carrying a message from Ernest Bevin to Árpád Szekasiste, leader of the Hungarian Social Democratic Party, cautioning the Hungarian socialists that an exclusion of Károly Peyer and his followers in the coming party congress would be a grave mistake that might lead to unpleasant consequences.

- 2. When Bade advised Prime Minister Ferenc Nagy and Szakasits of his forthcoming trip, he was told that his presence just prior to the 31 January party congress was inconvenient to the party leaders. Bade, however, feels that his presence is necessary at the congress in order to bolster the government forces and restrain the Social Democratic Party from going along with the Communists on their "witch hunt" in connection with the current conspiracy case.
- 3. Bade learned through friends in the Hungarian Foreign Office that the present Communist aim is to exclude from the foreign service all who served under the former Prime Minister Miklos Kallay. Included among others these would be Aladar Szegedy-Maszák in Washington, Forstner now Charge d'Affaires in Warsaw, Kaszio Bartók Hungarian representative in Vienna, and Bade himself.

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