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- 1. Preparations for the ouster of Cardinal Mindszenty on the part of the Rungarian Government included the temporary recess of certain training schools following the 28 November speech by Matyas Rakosi against the Cardinal. This speech was considered as the start of a two week campaign involving 180 youth leaders whose duty it was to visit nine hundred villages.
- 2. The 180 leaders were divided into teams which visited each village where the district party heads as well as the junior party leaders were to be contacted. The campaign was to be outlined to them by the teams and whatever aid was requested would be furnished by these local leaders. The avowed aim of the campaign was to incite the Catholic youth of the village to speak out against Cardinal Mindszenty.
- 3. Fifteen hundred leading youths in 280 party districts were to be selected to establish a "Fight for Freedom Battalion" for use in the fight against the Church. Selection for the battalion was to conform to usual criteria regarding family background, past political activity and individual aggressiveness.
- 4. The youth leaders were to be Catholics, and such methods as fifts of new sport equipment, parties (at Christmas) and dances were to be used as recruiting attractions. Lectures on the use of tractors and modern farm equipment were also to be used to attract certain farmer youth. A local committee made up of two boys and one girl would see that invitations were offered to all young people in the village and the committee would use the opportunity to speak of Mindszenty's "warlike attitude" and of the benefits the Communist Party has to offer a prospective member.
- 5. The teams visiting the villages were warned of counter-penetration of their ranks on the part of the Church. They were told of the success of the Catholic Church in organizing the village youth in "non-official groups", despite government legislation against Catholic Church organizations.
- 6. One of the important tasks for the teams is to contact the village priest, pointing out the domination the Communist Party had acquired over other political parties through "penetrations and other means". The intended use of such a statement was to point out to the priests that the Communists are penetrating the Church and will eventually control it, too. The priest

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was at that time to be promised that if he "swings to the left" he will be rewarded with a higher post and more pay. The best method of being placed on the Party's favored list, (the teams were to say) is to sign a petition asking for Mindszenty's removal as Cardinal.

- 7. One minor assignment for the leaders was to check on the use of the government fund of 5,000 forint allocated to certain villages for sport equipment. In certain cases the government had found that this fund was used for "anti-Communist propaganda".
- 5. The leaders were to return to the training school for a period of two days to report on their efforts in the field and for evaluation of their trip.

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