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Jewish Jeputy Smil cil, a member of the Sungarian parliament, who was a Communist agitator, had been sentenced to imprisonment in 1936 and organized the free wabor Union of Hungarian physicians in 1945, said:

- 1. The Hungarian Government desires the Israelitic community to be a tight organization under dictatorial management to execute all recommendations and orders by the regime and tries to prevent any emigration of Jews. To this and the government gives selected Mionists the chance to leave the country and, in compensation, agrands that any Zionist propa-, anda be suspended.
- 2. Although some Jews hold leading and cell-paid positions in the Communist Party and the administration, their relations with the regime are not unclouded. The outward appearance is that the Jens are generally favored. In reality, nowever, this favor is confined to a number of individuals who were never backed by any or anized Jewish group, and, while the leading Communists clways displayed understanding and sympathy for the Jews as a group, the also showed open antipathy against machinations by capitalistic Jews and only seldom connived with them. Rakosi frequently emphasized: "First of all I san Communist and a Jew only in the second place." He not only says so out actu all lives up to this principle and a Jew offending orders of the regime cannot expect forbearance. Thus it was noteworthy how many Jews were imprisoned in 1949.
- 3. The general attitude of the Hungarians is a pronounced anti-Semitism which is constantly given new impetus by the fact that the political police is predominantly Jewish.

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