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1. Györry Farkas, director of IBUSz, the official Hungarian tourist and information bureau, was recently assigned as escort for 400 Jews leaving Hungary for Israel by way of Venice. In Italy Farkas deserted the group late in February. He went to Rome, where he asked the Italian government and the IRO for protection.
2. Farkas states that Hungary is starting an extensive purge of all the state-owned organizations.
3. He also states that IBUSz is a vital source of dollar exchange for Hungary.

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