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2. Activities since March 1944

- a. After the 19th of March, Csomboss concentrated his efforts on uniting active anti-German elements around himself. Owing to his old connections, he succeeded in bringing together extreme left as well as extreme right elements for the fight against the Germans. Consequently, in working against the Germans, he collaborated on the one hand with the group under the leadership of the extreme rightist Baron Ede Atzol, on the other hand with the Hungarian Communist group of Dudda. It is characteristic of Csomboss' role in the resistance movement that two members of the first Hungarian delegation sent by Horthy to Moscow September 1944 were his closest friends, Atzol and Dudda.
- b. A further characteristic fact in connection with the nature of Csomboss' activity is his collaboration with a group of anti-German conservative politicians. One of the most important personalities among them is Endre Fall, former manager of the League of Revision, who went underground on the 19th of March. Fall was one of the most intimate collaborators of Count Bethlen, Dr. Lipot (Leopold) Baranyai, anti-Nazi president of the Hungarian National Bank, Endre Bajcsy-Zsilinsky, and General Lajos Veres, as well as General Bela Miklós. Fall's hiding place was in Alsógöd, some 50 kilometers north of Budapest on the east bank of the Danube. It was through these latter connections that Csomboss succeeded in contacting the Regent and his Cabinet.

Location of Alsógöd: Map. Ref: Central Europe
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- c. In August, Csomboss transmitted to the Regent a list for a new Hungarian cabinet. This list was drawn up after consulting several prominent members of the Hungarian Front. Sometime later it turned out that Csomboss, presumably arbitrarily, added the name of Count Bethlen to those already on the list. This fact shocked several members of the Hungarian Front, who could find no explanation for Csomboss' procedure. According to source the reason may be in Csomboss' connections with the above-mentioned group of conservatives, who, in paving his way to the Regent, insisted on Count Bethlen's participation in the cabinet suggested by the resistance movement.

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3. Present Significance

In summary, Csomóss' main preoccupation seemed to be the construction of a strong anti-German movement in Hungary with the participation of all groups regardless of their political standing. Csomóss is not a talented man or an intellectual, but he is considered to be an excellent organizer. He is not too ambitious and it is hardly likely that he will push into the foreground of the Hungarian political life. But his presence and potential influence in the background of Hungarian political development have to be taken into account.

Comment: According to another source, Csomóss is 40-42 years of age.

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