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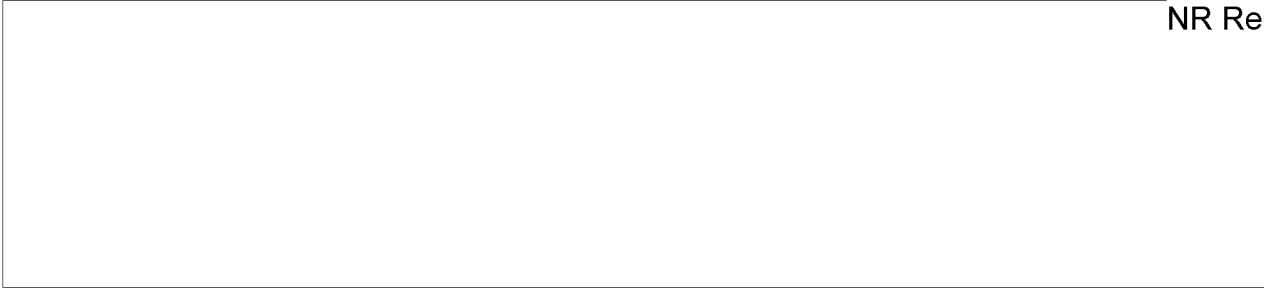
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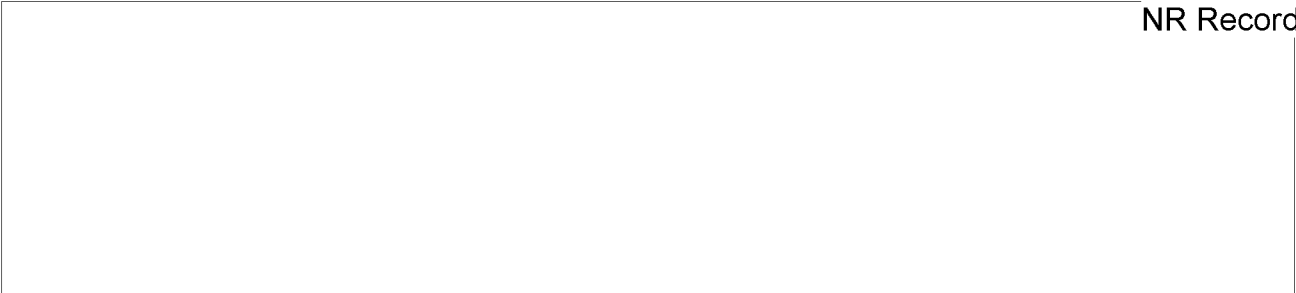
Hungary Celebrates the Fiftieth Anniversary of Bela Kun's Soviet Republic

Party delegations from all of the Warsaw Pact countries and a government delegation from Yugoslavia were in Budapest last week for the anniversary of the 1919 Hungarian Republic. At a 20 March meeting in Parliament, speaker Gyula Kallai delivered a memorial address lauding the party's past and its ties to the Soviet Union. He also attacked the Maoist leadership in China. The speeches of the foreign delegations reflected more pre-occupation with national concerns than commentary on the anniversary itself. The Poles and East Germans condemned West German imperialism, the Czechoslovaks and Rumanians dwelled at length on the fascist intervention which expelled Bela Kun and even the Soviets managed a statement on the inviolability of their borders.

An interesting sidelight to the celebrations was the announcement that Gyorgy Lukacs, who served as Bela Kun's commissar of education in 1919 and as Imre Nagy's minister of culture in 1956, was awarded the Order of Merit. The award is a further step in Lukacs's rehabilitation but the party was cautious in emphasizing that it officially recognized only Lukac's contributions in 1919, and not his semi-heretical Marxist theories on de-Stalinization.



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