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TO : Chief, Foreign Division K DATE: 26 July 1951  
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna Atten: [ ]

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational  
SPECIFIC: Final Interrogation Report on Ferenc FARKAS

Reference: LAVA-8533 07 K.L. FARKAS

1. Attached in copy only is the final report by [ ] covering his interrogation of Ferenc FARKAS, self-styled official and emissary of the Hungarian Christian Socialist Party. The report is as usual in rough but intelligible English and represents the boiling down of a vast quantity of miscellaneous information gleaned from FARKAS. In addition to an endless amount of discussion carried on between [ ] and FARKAS in a largely unprofitable attempt to pin down FARKAS to a greater precision, FARKAS himself at Grit 1's suggestion wrote out an elaborate statement of his own and his Party's alleged views; this statement runs to nearly two hundred pages of Hungarian typewritten text. It adds little in the way of facts and is chiefly a long-winded and high-flown literary essay. We shall not inflict this welter of words on Headquarters since [ ] it adds nothing to the case; anything of value has been extracted by [ ]

2. We are still waiting in the meantime to see if FARKAS can be broken by a carriage test. It is tentatively agreed that PRING will be in Vienna on 31 July 1951 to carry out the test (see MUNI-4350).

3. Within the past week or two, however [ ] has been much struck by a new drift to FARKAS' statements. This had best be explained here, since [ ] has not been explicit on the point in his conclusion to the attached report. FARKAS has been dwelling more and more on his assigned duty to spread the word of the Christian Socialist Party in the East. His growing preoccupation with this makes [ ] wonder if he may not be a religious fanatic convinced of his messianic mission. In short, it is not at all impossible that FARKAS is a little crazy.

4. Naturally, it is also possible that FARKAS is still a penetration agent, though we are inclined more and more to doubt this, since in all this time he has made no attempt to be recruited or to extract any information from his interrogator. Another possibility to be kept in mind is that FARKAS is much cleverer than he seems and has been merely getting his bearings and saving his money to

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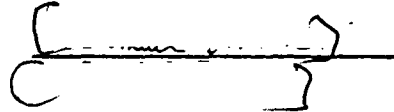
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insure a better future when he once decides to shake off the dust of Vienna. As far as we can judge here, the most likely hypothesis is still that PARKAS is an unconscious tool in the hands of CSIZMADIA or the latter's superiors and is acting in good faith; if PARKAS is also in the lunatic fringe of his movement, this might confirm rather than shake the assumption that he is an innocent plant.

5. Unless Headquarters can somehow confirm some of factual content of PARKAS' statements through independent evidence, there is absolutely no way, except for a carriage test, to check his veracity. We think the story holds together to some degree and is not internally inconsistent though greatly exaggerated. The exaggeration, again, may be part and parcel of PARKAS' unbalanced mind.



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FROM :  
SUBJECT : UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY  
IN HUNGARY;

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INTRODUCTION:

The following report is the result of the interrogation of Ferenc FARKAS, a high functionary of the illegal Hungarian Christian Socialist Party. During the fall of 1950 the CSP has planned to send a 9 man commission to the west to make contact with authorities of the United States Government and to set up affiliate Christian Socialist Parties. Following an abortive escape attempt by seizure of a commercial airliner during flight on 13 May, 1951, escape plans for this commission was given up and the central committee of the CSP decided to send the chief ideologist of the party, Ferenc FARKAS to the west to carry out the planned work. All information contained in this report was secured solely from FARKAS therefore the personal description of source is presented first in order to enable the reader of this report to evaluate its content.

SOURCE: (Ferenc Farkas):

1. Name: FARKAS, Ferenc, halman, Lorand, /vitez Doroghi (tit.)/
2. Alias or Nicknames: UTSELYI, Lorand. FARKAS, Ferenc
3. Date and Place of Birth: 2 December 1923, MEECSAT, Hungary
4. Citizenship: Hungarian
5. Religion: R.C.
6. Ethnic origin: Hungarian
7. Date of arrival in Vienna: 10 Apr 1951
8. Present Residence: Vienna IX. Spital Gasse 13.  
Previous residence: Budapest XI. Budafoki ut 9

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9. Description:

a. Sex Male      b. Height 176 cms      c. Eyes Brown  
d. Hair dark blond      e. Weight 69 kgs  
e. Distinguishing marks or features: wears glasses

10. Education: 8 years high school, 4 years philosophy Faculty

11. Languages: Hungarian (mother tongue), German (poor)

12. Marital status: single      13. Spouse: none

14. Others, parents, relatives, etc.:

Father: FARKAS, Ferenc, born 1888, notary public, deceased 1950

Mother: Ella nee VADNY, born 1898, Mandok, Adv Szare utca 42

Brother: ANDRAS, Jozsef Jr., born 1925, office clerk at Academy of Science,  
Eudapert St. Tonrai utca 23

15. Activities and employment including military career from 1938 to present:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>
1938-39	High School	Debrecen
1939-40	Sick at home	Papiobicske
1940-43	High School	Miskolc
4 Oct 43-15 Mar 45	Military Academy, last rank Lieutenant 10 Jan-15 Mar 45	Budapest, Hungary Dresden, Germany
15 Mar 45-15 Apr 45	Discharged. Fled to Bavaria	
15 Apr 45-28 Oct 45	POW camps in Germany and France	
28 Oct 1945	Repatriated to Hungary	
Oct 1945-Feb 1946	Unemployed	Mandok
Feb 46-Sep 1949	Student, Philosophy Faculty	Debrecen
Sep 49-Dec 1950	Student, Theology Faculty	Budapest
Dec 50-Apr 1951	Unemployed, lived underground and worked illegally for Christian Soc. Party	Budapest XI. Budafoki ut 9, c/o Dr. <u>FEJERVYI</u> Istvanne

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## 15. Documents:

Birth certificate No. 171 issued 23 Jan 1943 at Debrecen. College Indexes No. 673 issued 21 Feb 1946 at Debrecen and No. 490118 issued Oct 49 Bpest.

Matriculation Certificate No. 300-8-1942/43 issued 5 June 1943 Miskolc. Matriculation Certificate 300-6-1942/43 issued October 1949 Budapest.

Source received catholic education. Through his strong religious feelings his outlook on life was always liberal, democratic and above all christian. Not even the military schooling changed his outlook and he remained anti national socialist during his days at the military academy and in the Hungarian Army. After his return to Hungary following World War II source decided to attend the Philosophy Faculty of the Debrecen University. His anti communist attitude made it necessary later to transfer to the Theology Faculty at Budapest. During the period from 1946 to 1949 source came in contact and under the influence of a great number of christian liberals. Of these the principals were: KARACSONY, János Dr., MESENYI, Antal Dr., MESENYI, József and RADO, Fülöp Dr., and NYEKI, László Dr. This was the circle where the idea of a Christian Socialist Party was formed and these were the people who influenced and educated PARKAS as a philosopher and political ideologist.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IN HUNGARY:

The CSP was established as a movement in the fall of 1945 on a limited scale by a group of university professors and students. The basic CSP ideology and the decision to call themselves Christian Socialists originates from KARACSONY, MESENYI and NYEKI professors and a tight group of followers. Basically there is no decision between Christian Democrats and Christian Socialists. The word 'Christian' wants to indicate the true christian socialist theory contrary to the past extreme leftist and rightist anti democratic socialist movements.

Members of the Christian Socialist movement believed that the USSR occupation authorities in Hungary permitted the development of all democratic political factions in 1945 in order to discover their existence, programs, members and leading elements in order to crush the opposition later. The Christian Socialist movement has not acknowledged the ruling Hungarian Government since 1949 because it did not come into power free and democratic elections. The Soviet backed communist regime together with the Soviet sponsors are the enemies of the Hungarian Nation, of the Christian Socialist and of the entire free and democratic western world. The totalitarian communist democracy is neither socialist, neither democratic in the Christian Socialist sense. The USA, Great Britain and France are the principal friends of the Christian Socialists and the party ideology follows the democratic political, economic and legal principals of these nations strongly mixed with a christian spirit.

Following the seizure of the government by the communists in Hungary during 1946, the Christian Socialist movement rapidly grew and strengthened and by early 1950 it was formed into the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

IDEOLOGY:

It is the aim of the CSP to set up through education of the masses and participating in free and democratic elections such a social order where every condition of the christian human life is assured.

POLICY:

The CSP is an illegal underground organisation with the purpose of building up a basis which will enable the party to take over the Government of Hungary when liberation comes. In the meantime party leaders are being educated, membership organised on a cell system and the resistance spirit is strengthened in order to preserve and assist the survival of the valuable true democratic elements.

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According to source, the Christian Socialist Party is not meant to be a single Hungarian political party. He was sent to the west to teach the ideology of the Hungarian Christian Socialists and to assist members of other western nations to organize similar Christian Socialist parties. Because of the leading role the United States is playing in the world today and because the political and economic principals of the US is closest to the CSP of all nations, the party leaders have instructed source to contact United States authorities in the west and inform them of the existence of the party. No assistance is being asked at this time. The CSP in Hungary has no direct contacts with any of the Hungarian churches and it does not intend to set up any such contact. Contact between the churches and the CSP would only lead to persecution of both parties. It would further endanger and limit the present powers of the churches and thereby further eliminate the still existing open resistance carried out by the churches and its followers and it would also endanger the existence of the CSP.

ORGANIZATION:

Source claims to have received verbal authorization ~~by~~ from the CSP leaders to furnish complete ~~complete~~ details on the organization of the party.

The CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY in Hungary is organized as follows:

- a. Party HQ composed of the chairman and the central committee
- b. Intellectual group
- c. Workers group
- d. Provincial group
- e. White Guard (Armed party security organization)

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In order to understand the organization of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY in Hungary better, it must be kept in mind that the party is not a well organized underground movement, it is rather a loosely connected underground organization composed of the above mentioned four groups, the existence and size claimed yet to be proven.

c. PARTIAL UNDER:

The fact that no party exists is a proof in itself that the CSP is not an operational party. The home of the party chairman, ~~Zoltan CSIZMADIA~~, Rakoczi Street 47/b, III floor, BUDAPEST, Hungary is called party HQ, but no files, regular office hours, no meetings or no such other activity is being associated at this address which would warrant the use of this title. Most of the organizational work is done by party chairman Zoltan CSIZMADIA, with the advice of his priest (other party ~~CSIZMADIA~~ source frequently mentioned the name of Laszlo BALINT, Justice ~~AKAT~~ and also KEMENY, respective leaders of groups b, c, and e. Frequent mention was made of two unknown priest order priests who have done a great deal of organizational work in group b.) To assure democratic principals and to show it towards the members, an 12 person central committee meets at infrequent and irregular intervals at different private homes. Actually it is Zoltan CSIZMADIA who directs all party operations. Source claims that Csizmadia is trusted by his past performance and the difficult underground existence requires a strong hand leadership. Source is unable to answer whether anybody stands behind CSIZMADIA or not. Claiming to be the chief ideologist of the CSP, source should know more about the leadership of the party.



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Following is the roster of persons claimed by source to be in high position in the Christian Socialist Party:

Chairman: Colton CSIZMANNIA, 27/b III floor, Rakoczi körút, Budapest, Hungary.

Asst., and advisor to the chairman: CSIZMANNIA, János, *brother of Colton, present*.

Commander of White Guard: KELÉ Y. Béla, Horicz Eszmond Körter 2, 1st floor Budapest XI.

Intellectual group: BALOGSI, Béla

Workers group: BAKAR, László

Organisation: KÖKUTEY, Jenőné

Economic reform: BEZLER TI, Imre

LAAS, Dr. Kálmán

Agricultural " FAZENKA, Kálmán

Functionaries: FARKAS, Ferenc (chief ideologist)

FARKAS, Dr. József

TOROGYAI, Csizsald

BUJDA, Miklós

MOEKLNER, Pál

BOVÁK, László

VIGH, Dr. Gyula

BAJUSZ, Zsuzs

KOVÁCS, Attila

LIPÓSEY, Sándor

FÜGES, Karoly

ADAM, Tamás

Source knows three members on the central committee only by name, a further proof to the fact that either he has not taken part on central committee meetings or that the committee has ~~not~~ incomplete at great intervals only.

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The following people are ideological supporters of the party:

NYEKI, Dr. Kalman, University professor and high functionary  
of the Roman Catholic Church

KARACSONY, Dr. Jandor, University professor

FONCOR, Dr. Inre, University professor

IRENYI, Antal, University professor, ret., former director of  
the Hungarian National Theater.

Source claims that none of the ideological supporters take active part in the direction of the party and they are not party members because of their official position. He has received ideological education from the above persons.

INTELLECTUAL GROUP:

The intellectual group is the most important section of the Christian Socialist Party of Hungary. From 1946-1950 when the CSP was a movement only, the intellectual group was an independent underground organization led by BALISS, Laszlo and two unidentified priest order priests. The word intellectual signifies that members of this group are people with high intellectual capacity. They are not members of the professional middle class, anybody from worker to scientist might belong to this group, members are required to have the mental capability and willpower to learn and build the foundation of the Christian Socialist Party and to become one of its leading element. Members must be deeply religious and they must have a religious conviction in their contribution to build a new social order. The main task of this group is to educate its members for leadership. CSIZMADIA, Zoltan takes a very active part in the work of this group.

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The group is organized on a cell system with 5 men to each cell. Each cell has its commander and an assistant, these two men are the only ones who know members of other cells and there only those of similar position. 12 five man cells compose a 60 man group under the command of a group leader. Late spring of this year according to source, approximately 120 groups existed in the intellectual groups, bringing the total strength claimed by this organization to near 7000. Meetings of the 60 man group leaders are held in two sections, in case their assistants also take part in the meetings, in that event the meeting takes place in four sections.

PAVARI, Laszlo, the claimed leader of this group is approximately 26 years old. According to source he is very religious, brave, reliable and exact. He is much read and learned although he has mediocre talents only. His family has a home in the outskirts of Budapest called "Gillighegy", this is where he received his code name "GSILLAG". He is very good friend of Zoltan GSIZMATA.

WORKERS GROUP:

This group is made up of factory workers and it has neither a regular and systematic pattern. Purpose of this group is to the foundation of a future christian socialist labor union and to prepare itself for the future liberation at which time it will fall upon this group to recruit other workers into the ranks of the Christian Socialist Party. Source claims that at the right moment it will be the duty of the workers group to start active underground resistance work jointly with members of the intellectual group.

The workers group is led by TAKAR, Laszlo, technical foreman of a Budapest factory. He is approximately 40 years old, married, has two children. The family lives in DEBRECEN where he travels weekly from his work place at Budapest. According to source, Takar is the best organizer between the functionaries.

The organizational form of the workers group is the same as that of the intellectual group, with the only difference that in each factory there is a so called factory organization, uniting the 60 men groups. According to source, membership number in this group runs above 7000, 1600 persons of these are located at DEBRECEN where TAKAR originally started to organize the workers group, the rest of the members are located in BUDAPEST and in its industrial outskirts town called CSEPEL. Source further claims that the 60 men group leaders meet only within factory organizations contrary to the practice in the intellectual group.

PROVINCIAL GROUP:

No definite organizational pattern exists in this group, all source could state was that irregular units exist in several regions of the country, size depends according to the locality, average 20-30 men to a group. Western and central Hungary is covered better than the eastern plains. It appears that no systematic recruiting was made by party organizers. Having no financial means, neither any means of communication, it is impossible under these circumstances to spread out. There is no leader for the provincial groups in the central committee. All local group leaders report directly to the party chairman. No evidence was found of any regular communication between groups and chairman.

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The armed organization of the Christian Socialist Party in Hungary is called the WHITE GUARD, it has been organized mainly for defensive purposes. This security organization is divided into two sections:

- a. white guard units detailed to party organizations
- b. four district garrisons.

The WHITE GUARD was founded by KELETY, Bela, former regular Hungarian Army infantry officer. KELETY was active in underground military resistance work back as far as 1947. He was also in touch with the Order of the Knight Templars and keeps contact with a former Hungarian officers resistance group. It appears that KELETY joined the CSP at its foundation with his followers and was appointed commander of the party armed forces, the white guard.

a. White Guard units detailed to party organizations are built in groups of 5. They receive continuous theoretical instruction in defensive tactics and members of this section of the white guard are the backbone of the party security system.

b. The district garrisons number 4. The first region is situated between the TURA and HIRZA with HQ in BUDAPEST, commanded by KELETY, Bela, number of personnel approximately 200. Second region lies in the BAKONY mountains region in western Hungary with HQ at PAPA. CRIZABIA Dolan retains the command over this group numbering approximately 50 men. Third region is situated around the BAKONY mountains in the northern sector of Hungary with HQ at KISAROS, commander and organizer of this region is ALLANBY Andras, personnel numbering approximately 200 men. Fourth region is situated south of the Lake BALATON with

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at BUDAPEST, organized by HUVAN, Laszlo and NAKASSY, Imre, strength unknown.  
Total strength is approximately 1800 men

Purpose of the White Guard is party security and protection. Reliability of new party members are checked by members of the W.G. In case of strong pressure by the present Hungarian regime or in event of hostilities, the White Guard supposed to shelter the more important members of the CCP. In case of an approaching liberation army, it will be the White Guard's duty to carry out partisan work in form of sabotage, etc.

90% of the White Guard personnel are former regular army or police officers or at least have wartime military training. Members of the Garrison Section have the same ideological education as the average party member, the White Guard men selected with party organizations are higher grade material. Commander of the White Guard is HELDY, Bela, his assistant are NYELAR, Andras and RABAI, Ferenc.

Arms: In the Duna-Tisza group approximately 20% of the men have sub-machine guns, 30% rifles, scattered hand grenades and 3 anti tank guns with ammunition. The Fehervar region personnel has 10 sub-machine guns, plus anti tank mines and hand grenades. Of the Szekesfehervar group 20% has sub-machine guns, 30% rifles, the Tolna region is well equipped with sub-machine guns, pistols and unknown amount of pistols. Source does not claim to be well oriented on the equipment of the White Guard.

Training: all White Guard units have continuous training under the supervision of highly skilled former army officers. Members either belong to

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communist dominated paramilitary organizations and take armed training there they receive training from their own officers in groups of 5 in the hills.

CONCLUSION:

After over one hundred hours of deliberation this agent reached the final conclusion that in the light of the personality of source and the psychological changes that have become apparent during the past 2 weeks, he is unable to evaluate <sup>the</sup> incomplete, <sup>and</sup> unreliable material.