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Sources obtained the information contained in this report from conversations with General Hennei and members of the Hungarista group.

1. The Hungarista group^{*} is an extreme right-wing organization of Hungarian refugees led by former Arrow-Cross General Arpad Hennei. General Hennei claims to have been appointed by Szalasi as his successor, and all Hungarista members recognize him as the legitimate leader of the Hungarian state. ~~FIELD COMMENT:~~ The Hungarista group was a pre-war ultra-nationalistic organization founded by Huby, and differed from the Nazis only in that it proclaimed the Magyars as the "master race." After Szalasi's coup d'etat on 15 October 1944, the organization was merged with the Arrow Cross Party although still retaining its own organizational structure. Szalasi himself was the head of the Hungarista and Hennei was his deputy.

2. General Hennei stated that he keeps a roster of 200-300 young Hungarista^{members} who have volunteered for armed partisan activity, and claims to be in contact with many adherents in the Department of Zala in southwestern Hungary. He is currently looking for Western, particularly American, support for his plans. Sources characterized Hennei as a man of limited ability but unlimited ambition, and believe these claims to be greatly exaggerated.

3. Hennei's chief lieutenants in the organization are:

- a. Janos Lengyel, Salzburg, his deputy.
- b. Leszlo Szerecz, Salzburg, in charge of partisan activities.
- c. Erno ~~Dombois~~, Innsbruck, in charge of evacuating Hungarista

dependents to Spain in case of war, now serving with the French Guard Company.

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d. Janos Grandt, Salzburg, Hungarista chief for Land Salzburg.
e. Lede Tallos, Hungarista chief for Braunau (Upper Austria);
regarded as a deviationist because he does not fully recognize Hennei's
authority.

f. Tyekenyesi (fnu), Tallos' deputy; a grammar school teacher in
a DP camp near Braunau.

g. Zsarojan (fnu), Hungarista chief in Linz; living under an
unknown alias in Camp Wegscheid near Linz.

h. Farkas Sreter, Graz, Hungarista chief for the Graz area. **FIELD**
COMMENT: If Hennei has any channel to Hungary, it is probably through Sreter.

i. Ferenc Nemeth, Graz, Sreter's deputy; also a deviationist from
Hennei's policies.

j. Lajos Nagy, Hungarista chief for Voecklabruck (Upper Austria); a
former gendarme now working in Wels.

k. Tamp Uhrin, Salzburg, truck driver between Linz and Salzburg for
the Stars & Stripes distribution office; an enthusiastic Hennei supporter who
may be used as a courier.

4. The Hungarista organization is supported by membership dues collected
by the local leaders to finance General Hennei's expenses and the organization's
newspaper, Ut es Cel. General Hennei is on bad terms with General Andras
Zako and the MHEK because the latter refused to recognize ^{He, ms.} ~~his~~ "rightful" position as
Szalasi's heir. In view of Hennei's plan to evacuate Hungarista dependents
to Spain in case of war, however, there may be some contact between the two
organizations.

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