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1. Attached for your perusal are translated copies of two pamphlets that were undersigned by Jenő TOEMOERY, MHBK member who resides in Toronto, Canada. The pamphlets were sent to some eighteen former high ranking members of the Hungarian Army including Bela EENGYEEL, who showed the pamphlets to []. The latter translated the memoranda, returned the originals to EENGYEEL and passed the translations to the undersigned with the comment that the memoranda, although signed by TOEMOERY, were probably written by Miklos KORPONAY. The pamphlet entitled "Proposed Decision" was prepared in mid-June 1953 and the pamphlet entitled "To the Refusal of the 'Proposed Decision'" was prepared in August 1953 in answer to General ZAKO's comments on the "Proposed Decision".

2. In brief, the pamphlets form an appeal to the exiled Hungarian generals to cooperate in an attempt to unify the MHBK and reestablish it as a purely military organization directing its loyalties to former Regent HORTHY.

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Proposed Decision
(Decision' Proposal.)

to the effect of Hungarian Military Unity
(to the effect of unification in the Hungarian Army)

The MHBK took upon itself the representation of possible military interests occurent in the emigration. It did not succede, however in creating a unification in the Hungarian Army despite its strong efforts of several years' carried out under difficult circumstances in exile ; though a harmony irremissibly would be necessary to the effect of representing military interests before Western Powers alike than before the population of our Fatherland.

On the contrary, there is such a vehement and constantly increasing dispute, since recent time , on principles and on personal questions that through the MHBK not only Hungarian military interests, but the authority of the ~~Hungarian~~ entire Hungarian emigration is jeopardized.

The Canadian Group of the MHBK is not willing and not in a position to give utterance to its opinion on the subject, but would lay claim to an urgent and satisfactory settlement of the deleterious (detrimental) dispute among former members of the Hungarian Army, as to enable the MHBK to continue its activity in interest of the whole Nation and independently from personal questions.

With consideration to the decision of its leaders, the Canadian Group therefore submits its proposal in the followings :

1./ Leader of the MHBK should appeal in public to all Hungarian Generals, living in exile, to co-operate on a unification within the Hungarian Army.

a./ With consideration to ranks and possibilities, occuring in exile, the staff of Generals should set up a responsible top-council out of its members, which be able to represent Hungarian interests with equal authority before Western powers as before Hungarian population living in exile or back in Hungary, and be able to restore unity in military circles. This Council has to be in possession of the necessary and undisputed authority, having competency beyond dispute.

b./ Each member of the Canadian Group is convinced that our Generals in exile, willingly would obey to such an appeal and with full responsibility would join the common endeavour, pervaded by the sense of patriotic duties, loyal to their oath and putting aside possible personal contrasts (hostilities) which, from point of view of the Nation are uninteresting and even detrimental.

c./ Leader of the MHBK should declare in this appeal to the Staff of Generals that he would surrender himself as well as the leadership of the MHBK to such a supreme military Leadership, created in the above mentioned manner, and that in every respect he would support the creation and activity of such an organism.

d./ \$ 100 are offered herewith by the Canadian Group for the purpose of start' expenditures, when such a supreme Hungarian Leadership in exile should be created, which, according to the aforesaid conditions, is to be selected from the Staff members of Hungarian Generals

2./ An impartial (neutral) scrutinizing organ is to be created by this supreme Hungarian Leadership in exile at its earliest convenience This organ has to investigate all accusations and suspicions against the MHBK and all contrasts (antipathies) within the MHBK to the effect of a reconciliation and creation of concord in spirits.

a./ Verdicts, equally obligatory (by binding force) to defendants and accusators should be brought in widest public by this forum, and they should irrevocably sentence to a moral death those who are found guilty.

b./ This organ has to put a stop to the defectiveness of the "Decisions of the MHBK Organization." to the effect that the Community of Hungarian Fighters be able to develop to the most impressive , and unified Military Organ in the Hungarian emigration

3./ Because of the Authority of the MHBK and for sake of a setting at ease of public opinion it is desirable that this "Proposed Decision" of the Canadian group be made public in its whole extent in the next edition of the newspaper : "Hadak Utja."

Leader of the MHBK should address an appeal to all editors

of loyal and patriotic mind, at the same time with the publication in the "Hadak Utja", and call them upon keeping themselves away from disputes which could interfere with the creation of the necessary supreme Military Leadership, because of reasonable interests of the common Hungarian future. Activity of said Organisation should not be aggravated by public discussion of internal affairs. .

Submitted:

to the Generals, whose address is familiar to me.

to the Central Office of the MHBK.

Sent :

To the main Group of the BK.

To the Canadian Group of the BK.

T o r o n t o 15th June 1953

T ö m ö r y Jenö
o.s.

Submitted for your taking cognizance
of it.

Yours

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To the refusal of "Proposed Decision." SECURITY INFORMATION

Toronto : 3rd. August 1953. -

1./ A proposed decision (quoted in the followings : P.D.) was submitted by the Main-Group of the Canadian Section of the MHBK on the 15th June 1953. Independently from personal interests, avoiding intention of insults and suspicions, lead exclusively by patriotic feelings and anxious for the interests labeled to the existence of the MHBK, in the manner and for as it was usual at home - we proposed the followings:

a./ An appeal should be issued for setting up of a Supreme Military Leadership (its title being unimportant, I quote it in the followings : S.M.L.) with the task to unify all Hungarian Military circles in exile

b./ Leader of the MHBK should subordinate his own person as well as his Organization to the S.M.L.

c./ A neutral , scrutinizing organ should be created beyond and over the MHBK, which has to stop all disputes, investigate complaints, suspicions and accusations against the MHBK and stigmatize those, who were found guilty.

d./ Organizational decrees of the MHBK should be modified.

e./ P.D. should be published in the newspaper "Hadak utja" in its whole extent.

The P.D. was sent to 40 Generals living in exile, whose name and address were registered by us , as well as to 18 Leaders of MHBK Main-Groups and to the leaders of the Canadian Main-Groups .

2./ Responses to the P.D. have been received from the:

a./ Leader of the MHBK.

b./ The half of the Group-Leaders (out of 18, nine have answered as yet.) rejected the proposal in its whole extent, without making any reflection to the subject proposed and without taking part to its merits from point of view of national interests.

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The fate of every proposal is that it might be accepted or might be rejected. Rejection is not unusual, but the mode of utterance, the manner and style, in which this was made by them is absolutely unknown in the communication of honorable, civilized people ; even if we neglect to refer to the citation published in the June-issue of the "Hadak Utja " in 1952, quoting that : "Everlasting military ideals, tending of noble traditions, unconditional respect paid to authorities and honourable aged are the fundamentals of our organization."

I had to learn that these "fundamentals " have already decayed; they are replaced by the spirit propagated in the newspaper "Hungaria" corresponding with the manners of the MHBK leaders. There was an article published on 15th May 1953. It was titled "Authorities in exile. Hob-nob Hungarians " and stars, signifying military ranks , consequently were only mentioned as "potatoe-flowers." in it.

The reply of the MHBK- Leader contains suspicions and accusations

Only 3, out of the 9 group-leader'replies are written in an objective manner, the other 6 are full of rude injuries, slanders, suspicions, even with hidden threatenings. By all means they would like to charge the crime of destruction, rebellion, disintegrations etc. on me.

c./ All but one of the Canadian Main-Group-Leaders accepted the P.D. - suggesting only less alterations. Unanimously they wish the unification of Hungarian Military, they wish an investigation and the stay of the MHBK on a military basis. The sole Group-Leader of different opinion would also suggest the setting up of a "Neutral - authority for investigation " and necessarily would appeal to all Generals to the effect that they should join to the MHBK.

d./ All but one of the Generals, who answered to the P.D., accepted its content . One General, a Regional Chairman (területi megbizott) was the sole exception.

3./ It was only from the MHBK Leader's declining reply, (dated 21st June and received on the 26th June, so 11.days, after mailing of the P.D.) that the Leader of the Canadian Main Group learned that independently from the P.D. Three Star General SONYI Hugo made up the settlement of charges and that a Committee of Generals for "Affairs of Honour." has been established to the effect of investigation, as was formerly requested by the Leader of the MHBK himself.

On July 6th the Canadian Main Group Leader was informed by a/m Three Star General in a personal letter (T.- 120/953) that "In consequence of orders, received from Highest Authority (magasabb hely) he (SONYI Hugo) was entrusted to take upon himself the leadership on all affairs of military nature in exile."

In consequence of those two events, settled in the meantime (they were not public at time, when the P.D. was issued.) i.e. the settlement of a "Committee of Generals for Affairs of Honour " and the fact that military affairs were entrusted to one person, the two main suggestions of the P.D. were realized, though independently from its demands, but in essence on an identical basis. The Canadian Main-Group Leader and the co-editors of the P.D. acknowledge this fact with great satisfaction and pleasure and since they stood always on the basis of the Military Reglement (Szolgálati Szabályzat.) they consider the wishes of the P.D. in this respect unactual i.e. satisfactorily settled.

4./ I did not expect a refusal, - I was surprised to receive one. I was surprised, because the only thing I asked for, was the realization of the principles set up at time when teh MHBK was created. Formerly this maxims were considered ~~by the Leader of the MHBK~~ essential by the Leader of the MHBK too, and he also made an amendment on them.

I quote word by word the appeal of the MHBK' Leader made on 31st Dezember 1949. His article was published in the newspaper: "Baj-társak" and was entitled: "Review on the events of 1949."

There he wrote :

"Camerades ! On request of the Body of the Royal Hungarian General Staff (Magyar Kir. Vezérkari Testület.) I started one year ago

the organization of the MHBK. My achievement at this time was approved by my camerades in higher ranks. In the course of the next months, I was faced by ever increasing difficult problems which had to be settled with full responsibility. I think it necessary to ask therefore, three of my elder camerades in higher ranks to cöderate in my difficult task, and act as a controlling and approving organ in important decisions , as well as a supreme authority with commanding power in "Affairs of Honour" to the effect of an efficient operation carried out with good faith and quiet conscience. Further, I have to know whether I may appeal to the trust of the thousands of my camerades and whether I am in possession of their authorization ... with exception of those who are higher in ranks than I latter will be approached by myself in this question etc.

All the premisses are included in the above quoted comprehension which were later called "destruction, rebellion and disintegration " in the replies. There is a supreme Leading Military Authority and an Investigating Organ mentioned in the "appeal." Lack of their existence caused the dangerous depravity in the debates about the MHBK.

I avoid to quote all the statements which were contradictory to the aforementioned facts, nor am I ready to repeat the easily refutable , fictious syllogisms from the refusing replies, since destruction and disintegration are not my intention , though I was accused of doing so. On the contrary : my wish is that MHBK should restored to the base on which it was started (I could quote again) further that a new "Honvédség " , a Military basis for unified Liberation Army should be reconstructed.

I confine myself therefore simply to emphasise that, despite all refusals, all decisions raised in the P.D are still essential and necessary. My conviction in this respect is as strong as it was three and half years ago on behalf of the MHBK' Leader. Nothing happened up to this time which could lay down reasons for a changed comprehension.

a./ The S.M.L is in a greater need of a Military Unity than it was in 1949-50.

Hungarians have even as yet no acknowledged political representation, consequently soldiers have to deal at present with all Military Political interests; they have to represent such question towards Western Powers as well as towards other national groups in exile.

Unified, conformed planning, authority and competency are the preliminary conditions to be in a position as to agitate by arguments with grave responsibility in questions which are fateful for the future of the whole nation. Much better results could be produced in terms with the Western Powers, with one or another national organ (possibly not even with the official one) with NATO, the AEN or someone else than it is possible now in agreements made by Mr. X. or Y., who quite independently from each other, and often against each other, supported by only a small faction, try to follow their own vagaries of imagination.

We have to create such an able Hungarian partner supported at least by the militarian unity in exile, invested with adequate authority and undisputed competency for treatise with the Western adherents. Without such preliminary conditions we are not accepted as serious partners and we can't expect to be considered as such ones. Though the MHBK is not in the possession of anyone of those presupposals. But discuss of such matters is not its concern at all. The MHBK has other destination and their fulfilment is expected by Hungarian emigrants as well as by the whole Nation.

b./ So we arrived to the essential; the existence of the MHBK and its rights depend on the solution of this question: What is the MHBK Is it the "Honvédség without arms" - "Where from ~~the~~ equipped Hungarian Army has to grow out, should adequate (the right) moment arise" - or is it a "civilian body set up for tendance of militarian ideals and militarian purposes"? (I quote the determination of one of its Main Group Leaders.) Nonsense, to be short. "An authonom body, on ground of voluntary association" - according to the MHBK Leader's determination - "not based on the Military Reglement (Szolgálati Szabályzat.) consequent-
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ly not acknowledging militarian information (katonai hierarchia.)

A Body, conceived in such internal contradictions is not able to represent military purposes, though this is stated in the definitions of organisation(Szervi Határozványok.) Such a duality originates mistrust, and has no attraction to soldiers, who expect to see in the MHBK the seed of the new "Honvédség " and the Liberation-Army of Hungary. If MHBK will develop to the same Body, that is wanted by the Nation and that was expected, at time it was set up, its existencial interest it to assemble all professional officers, all soldiers in reserve, non commissioner officers and common soldiers living in exile . ((ht és tart. tiszteket tthts-eket és legénységet.) For fighting units can be established only from soldiers, and are to be lead by soldiers! Our Nation is mainly in need of disciplined military units, and nothing else. Western Powers too, are interested exclusively - if they will be interested at all, should occasion arrise, - what a number and what a quality of power is represented here in exile.

I don't believe that anybody at home could be interested in any social organisation be of ever so "martial spirit." in its organisatory decisions , I neither believe that "should the clock stroke " and should time arise for action, there should anybody call to mind to investigate whether the MHBK was labeled, and under which title, and in which country; whether it was licensed ; and whether the German Minister of Home Affairs and the legal adviser of the 4th Main Group Leader have already decided that they have to obey, or have not ?

We have to strive for an accreditaion. But it is not essential. It is not, since our aims are parallel, or will be identical with the official policy of the free Nations, and because wihtout the support of the Wester Powers, or against their will, we are not able to succede, whatever a social or civilian movement should disguise our intentions. Assault\$, however, from the left side - as experience in the USA has illustrated, - are not to be avoided by a cover of whatsoever a nature!

c./ There is but one proper accusation against the P.D. : that by the request of publication in the newspaper "Hadak Utja." - (though not actual any more in consequence of events, mentioned in para. 3.) - it had the intention to impress and to compel the Leader of ~~the~~ MHBK as well as the Generals to take action. I admit, that my intention was to do so, and I lay down my reasons as follows:

I./ Leader of the MHBK asked and promised already a year ago, that problem of the Gendarms would be settled. I don't know anything of the results as yet. On the contrary : "Eldest General of the Honvéd-ség" who was in charge of the investigation, declared in one issue of the "Hadak Utja." that he feels desillusioned and laied down his commission. (Unfortunately he died in the meantime.)

II./ A Three Star General, who was delegated to another investigation, informed people in concern, that he is not in a position to perform such an investigation, the Council of Generals being insolved, and no other authority being in existence for that purpose.

III./ Partial crisis occurred in two cases within the regional district of the Main Group - as I duly reported to the Leader of the MHBK, - because of unability in examination of affairs.

IV./ Proposal - made by a Three Star General, living in the USA. Leader of the MHBK was informed on it by my report.

V./ Developments on the political situation.

After all, I am afraid that a certain "intention of pressure" was quite reasonable.

d./ I refuse the accusation, that affairs were brought to the public by the P.D., as I do not consider Generals as strangers, who have nothing to do, with the matter of Hungarian Militair, and "the affairs of the MHBK."

5./ I deeply condemn the pamphlet (I don't want to call it by another name.) which was unworthy to an officer and was addressed by the 4th Main Group Leader to the Three Star General, SONYI Hugo. (no.: 428/1953.) Copy was sent to me, and I suppose, to other Main Group

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Leaders too. This letter refers to the "Basic Law " (Grundgesetz) and to certain decisions of legal advisers', rendering conditional to their resolutions, whether the "Honvédség" should obey to the orders of its eldest General?

To the Hell with the soldier and the organisation too, making a condition of their obedience, dependant to the results of debates on "Law and Basic Law." !

I would hope that this opinion isn't identical with the views of the MHBK'Leader, and that he will rule his Main Group Leader who so unpardonably neglected his being a soldier.

a./ It wasn't and is far from my intention to cause a separation within the MHBK!

On the contrary, I would like to see that it is reestablished on the military basis and able to solve the duties and realize the hopes attributed to its creation. This was the sole aim and intent of my submitted proposal.

b./ It isn't a matter of personal questions ! The proposal deals with more important problems! It serves to its justification, that things turned to realisation, though independently and on another basis than it was suggested in the P.D. We have to follow this direction despite the raise of disputes on Law in our way.

c./ I don't want a change in the person of the MHBK'Leader. I don't intend to belittle his achievements- they are evident and recognized by me too - nor do I wish to debate on the results of his work. I do not belong to those, who raise accusations against him, and would only be inclined to believe complaints made against him, if they can be proved. But I keep the very same opinion on the counter-accusations raised by the MHBK'Leader too.

d./ I wasn't influenced by anyone's "accomplice" when I submitted the P.D., nor became any strange influence from outside, valide in its carrying out. This is proved by the fact that since two years I again and again repeat this proposition and I never was audited, despite the fact that in all my circulars I defended the MHBK'Leader in his person.

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My opinion is formed by myself, and I am able to write it down.

7./ Our magnificent and noble Nation, fulfilling with so many sacrifices and so much loyalty its 1000 years' old vocation, might really expect from its soldiers living in freedom that they take all pains to its liberation despite utmost difficulty and against all cavillation, putting aside personal interests, endeavouring exclusively for the benefit of our compatriots.

An ideal solution is prevented - I know - because of circumstances, which ~~can~~'t be helped by us. Nevertheless, I am convinced, that with honest goodwill and co'operation we could achieve a better result, than only an "autonom organisation, based on voluntary association" burdened with " legal bindings and problems of legal continuity. (jogfolytonosság.)

Realisation of the Hungarian Military Unity depends exclusively on us, similarly to the task of performing the MHBK to the source of a new "Honvédség" which be able to liberate our Nation and to defend its independence.

If we are not able to do so, then let stop all rhetorics! If we deliver only speeches and can't do the work, then let's at least exercise our moneymaking job, and be good citizens of our new Country, giving up the idea of ever going Home. For our deliberated Fatherland will suffer no want of us!

8./ This letter is sent to everybody who received the "Proposed Decisions." Generals in concern are requested, not to return their remarks and amendments to me, but send them directly the Three Star General, SONYI Hugo, who is already acting as nominated "Leader of Military Affairs in exile."

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O.S.

Toronto 10th August 1953.

Your Excellency !

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Dear Béla !

I have to appologize that I answer only so belatedly to your kind letters of 30th June and 12th July, both honoring me. They delay was caused partly by the fact that I waited for an answer from ZÁKO , and partly by the circumstance that I have to spend weekly 55-60 hours in hard work, and this is no "fairy-tale."

I was very much pleased by your kind letters for the contact between us, which was stopped by my fault, now has been restored again. I have now at least an idea how do you live there in the old Europe, sentenced to death. Though I now clearly see that not only Europe is convicted to death, but because of the dishonour of its so-called "Great States'men" the entire white race too. - The end will last to some decades, so we will not live to see it.

I submit herewith my new "declaration " for your information not only in respect of its content, but also in respect of the course of events.

I am sincerely pleased to see that despite all braggings our Governor undertook at least the action and nominated Three Star General SONYI Hugo , so the organisation has been created to which, we formers soldiers, and soldiers for ever in spirit, might draw up. ZÁKO, based on the dirty accusations of a certain anonym circular (I wonder, who could have written such one) started, indeed, to discredit SONYI, seeking constitutional reasons in his nomiation, and instructing MHBK members to keep themselves on a cautious basis towards Three Star General, SONYI. In my opinion, with such a behavior ZÁKO not only confronted openly all rules which make a soldier to a soldier, but committed himself in injuring the interests of the whole Nation. I duly wrote all this to him, and now I wait for my expel from the MHBK.

The Governor's rules of governing and his possible mistakes not our concern, though we might be of any opinion on them, -

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our duty is, - as I think - ~~to forward~~ ^{SECURITY INFORMATION} the Governor's initiatives.

Main targets are : Unity in Military Affairs and produce of an able partner for treatise with the Western Powers, even if such a body is backed by the co'operation of the National Council . Im am sure, ZAKO will play this trump.

On my part, I stop to debate. I don't feel to be authorized to argue. But You, dear Béla, please do not let Three Star General SONYI become desillusioned. I deem it wouldn't be decent that I give him counsels. But you could do so. I am sure , that in case, he would extend his summons at least to the officers of the General Staff and to other Staff Offecers, all the other soldiers would drow up behind him., implied those who now stay on the basis of the Military Reglemente (Szolgálati Szabályzat.) He then, with reference to that power, will be able to make terms with the Western Powers. Unfortunately, this - of course - will be to the disadvantage of the MHEK, but it can't be helped if ZAKO has no intention to return to the straight military line. There is then no other souldtion. The liberation of our Nation can't be expected from straw-thrashers!

Thanking you once more for your kind letters, I pray to God, might he provide you with health and perservance in favour of the general Hungarian interrest, for which you have already endured so much

My respect to Mrs. Lengyel

very sincerely Yours

Your devoted subordinate

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