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- In anite of the good intentions of those involved in the above discussions, it was some standard opinion that nothing would come of them. He characterized vARGA as an insipid, rather obsequious politician, full of hot air with little action in him. While he believes it possible to climinate the Arrow Cross elements from the top ranks of the MHRK, he recognizes the difficulty of such a task and does not believe that either the necessary funds or necessary support would be forthcoming from the Mational Council.
- Coupled as it is with Laszlo CLITTKE's departure, will leave us without any reliable contacts in the Hungarian Cirice, and will in fact mean a complete change of personnel in the Office itself. We do not feel that an approach can be made to VAJVARY until we have been able to clarify his French IS relations, although we hope to find someone to insert in his office on a lower level. There has been some talk by BARATKOVICS and VARGA of sending someone from the U.S. either to take charge of the office itself or to assume overall responsibility for the National Council in Austria, and the names of Geza ELTKOE and Sandor RAFFAY have been mentioned. Both men would be undesirable from our point of view, particularly since we feel that this is an ideal opportunity to use ().
- Attached hereto are copies of 430th CIC Report No. S-10607 detailing a discussion by VARQA with 8/A RAYMOND and S/A KELLY. Needless to say,

 BARANKOVICS and VASVARY do not agree with VARQA's mild opinion of ZAKO. Informant 2719, mentioned in the CIC Report, is

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COPY OF CIC, SALZBURG AGENT REPORCES, 3-100 - dated 2 August 195

SUBJECT: VARGA, Bela
President of the Hungarian Mational Council in New York

The following information was obtained on 20 July 1951 from a conversation between the undersigned Agents and Monsignor Bela VARGA, President of the Hungarian Parliament during 1946 and 1947 as a member of the Small Holders! Party, who is currently President of the Hungarian National Council in New York City. VARGA was on an official tour of Europe for the National Council in the interests of the Hungarian refugees. He gave the following opinion concerning Hungarian refugee problems in Austria:

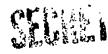
General ______, who was at one time attached to the Hungarian Zmbassy in Berlin as Military Attache, and is currently head of the Magyar Iroda (Hungarian Office) in Salzburg, is VARGA's choice as the person who should replace Istvan BARANKOVICS as the Salzburg representative of the Hungarian National Council when BARANKOVICS emigrates. However, due to the possibility that HOLLOK may emigrate in the near future, VARGA's other choice is General Josef VASVARY, former Hungarian Military Attache to Belgrade and currently head of the Hungarian Office in Bregens, Austria. VARGA spoke highly of VASVARY's accomplishments in the French Zone of Anstria. He was of the opinion that VASVARY's success was due to his quiet diplomatic attitude without involving himself in political entanglements.

VARGA spoke about General Andreas ZAKO, head of the MHBK (Magyar Harcosck-Batjarsi Lozossege - Hun; arian Warriors Comradeship Society). While not in complete agreement with ZAKO, VARGA recognizes ZAKO as a very capable person, who could be an excellent leader for Hungarian refugees. VARGA is of the opinion that ZAKO's position during the last war with Ferenc SZALASI, dictator of Mazi Hungary after October 1944, and his inconsiderate attitude toward certain other refugee groups, places ZAKO in a difficult position with most Hungarian refugees. VARGA hopes that in the future ZAKO will change his attitude, in order to maintain unison among the Hungarian refugees.

VARGA is convinced that the MHBK is a worthwhile organization and it is unfortunate that they are at odds with the Mational Council in New York. He is fully sware of the political intrigue involved between members of certain Hungarian groups and between the groups themselves. He is of the opinion that the groups must work together for a common cause and that the time that is being wasted by intrigue and positioning for power could be used to a better advantage elsewhere. He is absolutely opposed to any internal strife among the Hungarian refugees. He was not satisfied with the MHBK's Kew York representative, (fnu) AAGH, who is as he described him "an incurable Nyilas (Nazi)".

VARGA was disturbed over his visit to the Salzburg Hungarian Carites because of the number of Hungarian youths residing there who lack facilities to enable them proper recreation. He was alarmed to find so many who were not working or attempting to obtain employment. He is determined to rectify this refugee problem.

The National Council is at present looking for a capable person in the United States to send to Asutria as a direct representative of the National Council in New York. No one as yet has been chosen because it is difficult to locate a person who possesses the qualifications and at the same time has interest in such a position. He is hopeful, however, that a person will be chosen prior to the spring of 1952. VARGA was not certain that connection this job would have with the position of the National Council's Office in Salzburge



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