

# New Hungarian Government Outlines 15-Point Program

The new government in Hungary, in an appeal to the Hungarian people, set forth a 15-point program pledging national independence and sovereignty of Hungary, defense of democratic Socialism from all attacks, and negotiations for withdrawal of Soviet troops "after order and calm . . . have been restored."

The Hungarian Revolutionary Workers and Peasants government condemned "the anti-party and anti-national mistakes committed by Rakosi and his accomplices," and listed many aims but not all of those of the Imre Nagy government it supported.

"Workers' administration in all factories" was promised and a pledge was made to "categorically end all illegalities committed" during establishment of farm cooperatives."

The new government declared it "will not tolerate any persecution whatever of workers who have taken part in the latest event."

The government said it had appealed to the Soviet command "to help our people bridle the dark forces of reaction and counter-revolution," to reestablish Socialism and restore order.

The text of the appeal follows:

A Hungarian Workers and Peasants Government has been formed.

On Oct. 23 a mass movement began in our country, whose noble purpose was to make good the anti-party and anti-national mistakes committed by Rakosi and his accomplices, and to defend the national independence and sovereignty of Hungary.

The weakness of Imre Nagy's Government and the growing influence of counter-revolutionary elements in the revolutionary movement endangered our Socialist conquests, our peoples state, our workers and peasants power, the very existence of our homeland.

This has led us, Hungarian patriots, to the creation of the Hungarian Revolutionary Workers and Peasants Government.

The composition of the Government is the following:

Janos Kadar, Premier.

Ferenc Muenich, Deputy Premier and Minister of the Armed Forces and Public Security.

Gyerge Marosan, Minister of State.

Imre Horvath, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Istvan Kossa, Minister of Finance.

Antal Apro, Minister of Heavy Industry.

Imre Degoe, Minister of Agriculture.

Sandor Ronai, Minister of Trade.

To the remaining ministerial posts left so far unoccupied, we shall definitely invite representatives of other parties and nonparty people loyal to our people's democracy, who are ready to defend together with us our Socialist conquests.

The newly formed Government addresses itself to the Hungarian people with the following appeal:

Brother Hungarians, workers, peasants, soldiers, comrades, our nation is living through hard times. The power of workers and peasants, the holy cause of socialism is in danger.

Great danger hangs over the conquests of the last 12 years, which you, Hungarian working people, and in particular you Hungarian workers, have created with your hands, by your heroic self-sacrificing labor.

The counter-revolutionary plotters are becoming increasingly daring. They are mercilessly persecuting the supporters of democracy, the Nihilists and other Fascist evil-doers are killing honest patriots and our best comrades.

We know that there still are in our country many unsettled questions, many difficulties with which we must grapple.

The life of the workers is still far from what it should be in a country engaged in the construction of socialism.

Along with progress achieved during the last 12 years—the period of the Rakosi - Gero clique's leadership—there have been many big mistakes and infringements, which have provoked justified dissatisfaction on the part of the workers.

The reactionaries are working for their selfish aims. They have raised their hands against our people's democratic system. This signifies that they want to return the factories and works to the capitalists, and the land to the landlords.

They want to set again on the people's throats gendarmes, policemen, the whole old accursed hate-

ful oppressive and exploiting regime hated by the people.

They would not have brought you freedom, prosperity and democracy had they won, but slavery, poverty, unemployment and ruthless landlord exploitation.

Taking advantage of mistakes committed in the course of popular democratic construction, the reactionary elements have misled many honest workers, and in particular a large part of the youth, which joined the movement from honest patriotic motives.

They stood for the further development of democratization in all our society, economy and political life, which would consolidate the basis of socialism in our country.

They raised their voices to demand that Hungary should grow in strength and prosperity as a free and sovereign state in friendship with other Socialist states.

That is why it would be incorrect and criminal to accuse such people of participation in the movement.

Exploiting the weakness of the Imre Nagy Government, the counter-revolutionary forces are marauding, murdering and robbing, and we must fear that their forces might get the upper hand.

With deep sorrow and a heavy heart we see into what a terrible situation our beloved country has been dragged by counter-revolutionary elements, and often even by conscientious and progressive people, who consciously or unconsciously misused the slogans of democracy and freedom and thus paved the road for the reactionaries.

Brothers, patriots, soldiers, citizens.

An end must be put to the misdeeds of the counter-revolutionary elements.

The hour of action has struck. We shall defend the powers of workers and peasants, the conquests of the peoples' democracy.

We shall restore order, security and calm in our country.

The interests of the people, the interests of our homeland demand that a stable and strong government be established, a government capable of bringing the country out of its present difficult position.

That is why we have formed the Hungarian Revolutionary Workers and Peasants Government.

The program of the Hungarian Revolutionary Workers and Peasants Government:

1. Unconditional insurance of the national independence and sovereignty of our country.

2. Defense of our people's democratic and Socialist system from all attacks, the defense of our socialist conquests, and further advance along the road of Socialist construction.

3. Liquidation of fratricidal fighting, re-establishment of order and internal peace in the country. The government will not tolerate any persecution whatever of workers who have taken part in the latest event.

4. The establishment of close brotherly and friendly relations with all Socialist countries on the basis of full equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of each other's country, and the foundation of our economic links on the principles of mutual benefit and mutual aid.

5. Peaceful cooperation with all states irrespective of their socialist system and form of government.

6. A rapid and considerable improvement in the living standards of the workers, in particular of the working class. More housing for workers. The factories and works should be given the opportunity to build housing for their own workers and employes.

7. Reexamination of national economic plans and alterations of methods of administration in economic matters through taking into account the national peculiarities of the country, so as to raise as fast as possible the living standards of the population.

8. Liquidation of bureaucracy and widespread democracy for all sections of the working people.

9. Workers' administration in all factories, works and enterprises in the basis of wide democracy.

10. Raising of agricultural production, considerable reduction in delivery obligations, aid to individual working peasants. The Government will categorically end all illegalities committed in the course of establishing a cooperative movement in agriculture and will ensure the strictest attention to principles of voluntariness in joining cooperatives.

11. Insuring democratic elections of local authorities and revolutionary councils.

12. Assistance in countryside and towns to small individual

craftsmen and traders.

13. A consistent development of Hungarian national culture on the basis of our progressive traditions.

14. The Hungarian Revolutionary Workers and Peasants Government has appealed in the interests of our people, our working class and our homeland to the command of the Soviet armed forces to help our people bridle the dark forces of reaction and counter-revolution, re-establish a people's Socialist system, restore order and calm in our country.

15. After order and calm in our country have been restored, the Hungarian Government will enter into negotiations with the Soviet Government and other members of the Warsaw treaty concerning the stationing of Soviet troops on Hungarian territory.

Workers, working peasantry, intellectuals, Hungarian soldiers and officers, rally to the Hungarian Revolutionary Government of Workers and Peasants, give your support to the just struggle of our people, defend our people's democratic system.

Disarm everywhere the counter-revolutionary gangs.

Organized workers, rally your ranks around the Hungarian Government of Workers and Peasants. Go back to work immediately in all enterprises.

Communists, give an example of courage and self-denial, head the struggle in defense of our people's democracy.

Working peasantry, defend your land, fight shoulder to shoulder with your brothers the workers for the common cause, for our people's democratic regime.

Hungarian youth, members of D. I. S. (Young Communists League) do not allow yourselves to be misled. Only the people's democracy can give you a better and freer future. Defend it.

Hungarian working people, the first condition for insuring your justified economic, political and social aspirations is to defend the people's democratic power, to restore order, to resume production.

The Hungarian Revolutionary Government of Workers and Peasants fights for all this and calls on all honest Hungarian patriots to take part in this supreme battle.

Workers, friends, Hungarians: On our side are truth and justice. Victory will be ours.

Signed: The Hungarian Government of Workers and Peasants.