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- b) Statement by the Hungarian Government dat. 10 Jan.



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Note verbale dated 11 January 1957 from the Permanent Mission of Hungary
to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 11 January 1957

The Permanent Mission of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the statement by the Government of Hungary on 10 January 1957, with the request that he be good enough to have it circulated at his earliest convenience among the Members of the General Assembly as an official document of the United Nations.

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STATEMENT

BY THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' AND PEASANTS'
GOVERNMENT

The Hungarian Revolutionary Workers' and Peasants' Government is dismayed to note the draft resolution^{1/} submitted by the United States of America and twenty-three other countries to the General Assembly of the United Nations to set up an ad hoc committee of five members whose task it would be to investigate, to establish and maintain direct observation in Hungary and elsewhere, to collect evidence and to receive information by hearing testimonies, in order to report its findings to the present session of the General Assembly as need arises, and thereafter, from time to time, to prepare additional reports for the information of Members of the United Nations and for the General Assembly if it is in session.

The Hungarian Government most strongly protests against the draft resolution put before the General Assembly by the United States of America, which represents an unprecedented, gross interference and for the support of which the United States has, it appears, succeeded in winning other countries influenced by the propaganda it has been conducting.

The Hungarian Government considers inadmissible the passing of suchlike resolutions designed to promote the objectives of certain aggressive States and their political aims, which violate the sovereignty of the Hungarian People's Republic and to which resolutions not a single sovereign State can adhere.

^{1/} A/3487/Rev.1

Therefore, the Hungarian Government appeals to all Member States of the United Nations that, in the interest of maintaining the most important principle of the United Nations Charter, the independence and equality of States, they should avert any attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of Hungary by methods which are identical to those employed by professional subversive and intelligence agencies, and in this manner represent an abuse of the prestige of the United Nations. It also calls upon the Member States to do their utmost to prevent such draft resolutions being passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Hungarian Government considers it highly regrettable that certain western Powers, which have continuously given active support to Hungarian counter-revolutionary forces at home and abroad, cause serious harm through the irresponsible incitation of "Radio Free Europe" and "The Voice of America", as well as through their other activity, infringing the most elementary rules of international law, are still not satisfied with these attempts at interference, being indifferent to the immeasurable suffering caused to the Hungarian people and to the fact that their counter-revolutionary machinations are irrevocably driving the country into poverty.

The Hungarian people have always followed with deep sympathy the fate of countries which have been driven into war situations by the interference of the leading quarters of the same western States in their selfish interest. In the past few years such interference has taken place in Guatemala and Indonesia. Actions diametrically opposed to the strivings of the local populations are being conducted now on Cyprus, in Algeria and, not least important, in the Suez area, where imperialist aggression has led to the butchering of many hundreds of Egyptian citizens and to the destruction of some parts of Port Said. The new plan for the possible deployment of United States troops is a threat to the peace of the whole Middle East.

Our people do not wish to become an instrument in turning Hungary into a scene of similar actions and thereby become the powder magazine of a new war. In our country law and order have been restored, peace and calm have been established. Those counter-revolutionary forces, which terrorized Hungary in the past few weeks, have been eliminated by the Hungarian army and police with the aid of

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Soviet troops called in for support by the Government. Order is now being maintained by Hungarian army and police detachments. Production, which was interrupted by the counter-revolutionary events, has been started again and is developing in an encouraging manner. The Revolutionary Workers' and Peasants' Government has issued a statement which reflects the interests and wishes of the great majority of the population. This statement outlines the path of the rehabilitation of the country, of the people's economic and cultural progress, and the defence of the country's independence. At the same time, the Government is doing its utmost so that those misguided people, who have left the country, can return home without hindrance and it has made provisions by law that the repatriates shall in no way suffer harm or molestation.

On the basis of the above, the Hungarian Government once more states that no committee of any kind has the right to conduct investigations into the Hungarian question by collecting testimony from unauthorized and biased persons and to establish observation in Hungary in order to obtain information. The Hungarian Government demands that discussion on the so-called Hungarian question, which violates the country's sovereignty, be deleted at long last from the agenda of the General Assembly, and that the much-suffered people of Hungary should be enabled, now that law and order have been restored, to shape their own future destiny, to achieve economic progress and a free, independent, socialist Hungary.

10 January 1957.
