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Chronology

1940

Apr. 4. Eckhardt left Hungary ^{for U.S.} (to deliver "lectures". He called his visit an informative one. He is under no obligation to anyone, free to speak accord. to own conscience.

NY Times Apr. 5, Page 10, Col. 2.

Same, longer: Pester Lloyd, Apr. 4, P. 6, Morgenblatt.

Apr. 15. E. arrives in NY. At this time he said that "he had come on a private business visit". Talks about H's position. H. ready for any emergency. H. "need not fear invasion from Russia or Germany under present conditions." NY Tim. Apr. 16, P. 16, 6.

(N.Y. News, Was. Herald, Dec. 28: He left 8,900,000 here in H. gold.) 1940

July 28

Arrives Budapest from Trieste. Pester Lloyd, Morgenblatt, July 30, P. 7. "He planned to spend 3 months in U.S. but on account of ocean traffic difficulties he hurried back."

He actually spent that much time in US, arriving Apr. 15.

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Aug. 27, "Magyar Nemzet", Bp. daily, P. 8.
Speaks at Kecskemét, Hungary, about
"freedom and independence".

Dec. 1. NY Tim. P. 30, 1.

Before For. Affairs Comm. of lower
House E. with Count Stephen Beth-
len allegedly criticised Hungary's
pact with Axis (signed Nov. 20, 1940)

Dec. 28. NY News, Wash. Times-Herald, etc.
Pittsburgh, Pa. might be the seat
of Hungary's Govt. in exile as
result of E's dash to US as special
emissary of Regent Horthy. E. has
been assigned to offset Nazi pres-
sure to place as H's Minister to
Washington Count Ferenc Hunyady, 39,
Hitler's old friend.

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Jan. 30. Meeting of Hungarian leaders in Washington, D.C. (Hotel Washington) to start a movement for "Independent Hungary".)

March 9. E. starts out from Budapest. (NY Tim. Mar. 10. News is telephoned to paper.) Premier Teleki's suicide: Ap 3.3.

Aug. 10 or thereabouts. E. arrives in U.S. via Yugoslavia, Greece, Egypt and South Africa.

Sep. 14. "Plain Dealer" Cleveland, Irwin D. Spencer: "E! mission not convincing... He only played as leader of opposition... No real opponent of Govt would have been sent to Geneva to defend Hungary in the assassination of Jugosl. King... He is the "liberal" tail of the feudal dog... Not only Hungarian Govt. but Germans acquiesced in his trip to US... The genuine free H. movement is Vambery's."

Sep. 21. Vambery group organizes in Cleveland, O. "representing more than 750,000 Hungarians". (Plain Dealer, Clev.) They would seek restoration of H. territories with H. majority, says Vambery.

Sep. 22. "Plain Dealer" Cleveland, reports Vambery group's meeting. "We do not want to restore the realm of St. Stephen, but his spirit... Pledge fight for liberation of H. people from the semi-feudal, semi-fascist, pseudo-constitutional and anti-semitic rule."
Also edit. in same paper.

Sep. 27. Eckhardt group publishes proclamation of Indep. Hungary movement in NY. (N.Y. Tim. Sep. 27.) E. is depicted as an outspoken critic of Nazism, which destroyed H's indep. Nation not responsible for actions of Gov't. Movem. will get uncensored news from H. and will seek to influence H. public opin. ag. Nazis.
Naturalized H's may not join, but can lend moral support.

Sep. 27. Edit. in NY Herald-Trib. written by Nicholas Roosevelt, former US Minister to Hungary. (See: John F. Montgomery's letter to A.M. Népszava, Jan 30, 1942.) Pro-Eckhardt, Hungary was forced, it would not be surprising if this movement repres, more accurately H's mind.



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Sep. 27. "Nation", art. by Ign. Schultz,
"Budapest's fake mission", Anti-E.

Sep. 27. "Washington Post", edit. Pro-E.
Movement proves discontent in H.

Sep. 27. "Free H." movement starts in
London, under leadership of Mich.
Károlyi. Reuter dispatch, Wash.
Herald-Times, Sep. 28. (Antagon-
istic to Eckhardt, the European
arm of Vambery's movement.)

Sep. N.Y. Post, Ludwig Lore interviews
Editor F. Göndör, accord. to whom
E. is now a honest democrat, what
ever he may have been in the
past.

Oct. 5. Akron, O. United H. Organiz.
does not accept Eckh. or Vambery
movements. E. does not tell, what
kind of H. he desires. Urge leaders
of both groups to meet and work
out common platform. (Plain
Dealer, Cleveland, Oct. 5.)

Oct. 7. Prof. F. Deak of Columbia
(registered agent of H. Govt until
break) praises Eckhardt for his
anti-axis stand in N.Y. ~~NY~~ Herald
Trib. appreciating its editorial
of Sep. 28. During 18 yrs no one
advocated democr. reforms so
consistently, conducted crusade
ag. totalit...most determined and
consistent advoc. of friendship
with Anglo-Saxon world. (The truth
is that he NEVER spoke about this,
but ALWAYS emphasized the friend-
ship to Germany, Italy and Poland.
Dozens of his speeches prove this.)

Oct. 8. "Plain Dealer", Cleveland, E. at a
press conference says that he would
not oppose Horthy because doing so
he would "play into the hands of
Nazis." Transylvania in his plan
would become an independent state,
even if this territ. would remain
in possess. of H. He feels his
family in H. will be safe as long
as the American legation will be
open.

Oct. 9. "Pester Lloyd" German language Govt.
daily in Budapest assails E. movem.
"8 Óra Újság" similarly. (NY Tim.
Oct. 9.) can't believe it's true.

Oct. 10. E. and members of his committee
are deprived of H. citizenship.
(A.M. Népszava, Oct. 10.)



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Oct. 20. Chicago "News". Auxil. Vambery group formed in Chic. "AT front: up with your hands, at home: up with hearts"

Oct. 21. NY Tim. Candler Cobb, letter to Edit. upholds E. Sincerity of movem. guaran. by personalities on committee... E. leader of 50% of electorate. (His party ^{secured} ~~gained~~ only 14 seats in Parl, in 1939, having 23 until then.) Number of times E. was offered cabinet posit. once Premiership. (This can not be proved.) Fought untiring battle against Nazism. (He only fought against the numerous groups of nondescript H. Nazis, who stood in his way, but NEVER raised his voice against Nazism as world menace, only in US, instead, he ALWAYS and most emphatic. advocated German, Italian and Polish orientation.)

Oct. 21. L. Fenyas, former member of H. Parl. Letter to Edit, NY Tim. E. was Pres. of antisemitic and terroristic Awakening Magyars, left H. when not a mouse could have left H. without permit of Nazi infested H. Govt. He is least fit. Convert to a polit. creed ag. which he had fought.

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NY Herald-trib.-James G. Simonds:
E. can not come out for smaller H.
If US Govt. gives full support to
E. only complicates matters.

Dec. 14.

NY Tim. First step after Pearl
Harbor. E. movement publishes
6 point program for Hungarians.
Deals entirely with H's problems
regarding her neighbors and future
of Danubian basin. (This is only
a summary. The entire text was
published in a pamphlet, accom-
panying a letter to the Amer.
Slav Congress, under date Apr. 8,
1942. See under that date.)



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1942 June 26

"Detroiti Ujság" P.1.
Short article of Eckhardt's
visit to Detroit, where he
was guest of dr. Bela Szappa-
nyos, local physician and
National President of the
American-Hungarian Federation.
At Szappanyos's home he had
"confidential" discussions
with Hungarian Priests, Minis-
ters and other leaders. He will
go the Chicago from Detroit.