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'FREE HUNGARY' ASSAILED

Eckhardt

Budapest Press Is Incredulous About Movement in U. S.

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES. BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct. 8 The formation of Tibor Eckhardt's "Free Hungary" movement in the United States received its first mention in the Hungarian press yesterday.

"At first glance," says the authoritative Pester Lloyd, "it seems incredible that a member of the Hungarian Legislature should be guilty of such an offense against his own country," it says. "Until there is confirmation of these rumors this newspaper will not give credence to them and would for the time being only remind all Hungarians, wherever they may be, of the duties toward their country and the faithful and great friends of Hungary."

The 8 Orai Ujsag says the allegations made in Eckhardt's proclamation are ridiculous because Hungary knows of no Nazi attacks directed against the independence of the country. "Whoever speaks of the intolerable situation in Hungary," it adds, "must be told that with the aid of her German and Italian friends Hungary has doubled the territory allotted to her by the treaties after the last war."