

Eckhardt

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### **New Hungary**

History is beginning to repeat itself with a frequency that has become almost monotonous. The organization in this country of a movement called Independent Hungary is announced on the very day 90 years ago that Louis Kossuth issued a similar clarion call to his fellow countrymen. Kossuth's proclamation was sent from Marseilles while he was en route to the United States. Hungary was struggling then as now against the German oppressor. The new Kossuth is Tibor Eckhardt, who one day may be as well known on this side as his famous predecessor. At present his fame is limited to his own country. There, as a member of the Hungarian Parliament, and as leader of the Small Farmer Party, he has a large following. Till yesterday the world may have thought of the Hungarians as among the "silenced" people. But the proclamation of Independent Hungary shows that even in Hungary, which yielded to Nazi Germany without a fight, there is widespread discontent and a yearning to shake off the Nazi shackles.

The movement is fresh evidence of the Jack of reality in Hitler's new order. Cooperation with the new masters of continental Europe is secured only by police methods which are fast turning into terrorization. But the Fuehrer can never put out the sacred flame of liberty by such methods. It continues to burn in all the occupied countries. It will burn the fiercer as the Nazis levy toll on their foodstuffs and conscript their citizens for the war in Russia. In Hungary, which yields to no other country in its pride of independence, the dissidents will find in Independent Hungary a standard for their dissidence. Independent Hungary will sprout in all countries in which there is a Hungarian element. And notable Hungarians will not be wanting to lead it. In the United States, for instance, Mr. Eckhardt has with him the former Hungarian Minister to Washington, John

Peleyi, a man who was highly respected in Washington for his integrity.

There is one difference between these times and Kossuth's. Mr. Eckhardt finds science on his side. For the short wave can and will be mobilized to spread the news of Independent Hungary to the Hungarians at home. Over the ether their hopes will now be nursed by the news they will get from this new organization, and their spirits will be kept high. Hitler will find, in other words, the technique of the Fifth Column turned against his occupation.

