

Movement to Free Hungary Launched Here

A national movement for the "preservation of an independent Hungary" was under way here today following a day-long session of prominent American-born and naturalized Hungarians yesterday in the National Press Club.

More than 100 Hungarian language newspaper editors, educators, churchmen and lawyers pledged their unanimous support to the movement as "our sacred duty to preserve an independent Hungary."

Spokesmen for the delegation, called together by the American Hungarian Federation and the Hungarian Press Association, pointed out the movement would pave the way for creation of a representative government of "free Hungary" in the event that country falls under the complete domination of the axis powers.

The Hungarian government signed a pact with Germany last November 20, bringing it closer to the axis, and since that time its people are no longer able to express their will, Dr. Tibor Kerekes, Georgetown University professor and secretary of the federation, declared.

This country, however, recognizes the present regime and remains on friendly terms with that government, the State Departments points out.

The federation has outlined its program to both the President and the State Department, Dr. Kerekes said.

Senator Burton, Republican, of Ohio, a luncheon guest of the group yesterday, said it was his feeling that the movement had the sympathy of this Government. Representative Kirwan, Democrat, of Ohio also was a guest.

The delegation included representatives of more than 20 Hungarian language newspapers through the United States.