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Recognition Not Sought

Movement for Independent Hungary Merely Asked Federal Advice

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

An article was published in the April 10 issue of THE NEW YORK TIMES, under the title "United States Recognition Denied." Since that article may give rise to misunderstandings, I feel it my duty to call your attention to the following:

1. The statement that the United States has "denied" recognition to the Movement for Independent Hungary is incorrect, for the very simple reason that the Movement did not seek recognition. In this, as in other matters relating to the Movement, I have merely asked the opinion of the competent authorities of the United States Government. The advice received upon such inquiry has guided my conduct in the past and will guide it also in the future.

2. The Movement for Independent Hungary is supported and endorsed by all the anti-Nazi elements in Hungary, and also by the overwhelming majority of American nationals of Hungarian origin. The principal aim of this Movement is participation in the fight against Hitler. It is, therefore, pertinent to ask the question: Whose interests are served by the systematic campaign of unfounded accusation conducted in the United States against this Movement, organized to fight the same enemy against which the United States itself was forced to take up arms?

It would be comical—were it not so tragic—that groups or individuals in the United States, presumably opposed to Nazism, are engaged in trying to discredit the Movement for Independent Hungary and my person in this country, by resorting to the same tactics as are employed by Mr. Goebbels's propaganda machine in its attempt to impair—though perhaps for different reasons—my influence and the authority of this same Movement in Hungary herself.

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New York, April 10, 1942.

