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DELEGATE SANS DOCUMENTS—Hoping to unseat the Hungarian puppet government's delegate to the United Nations, Anna Kethly arrived in the United States without documentary accreditation to the post. Miss Kethly, who believes she is

the only member of Imre Nagy's provisional government to escape from her Hungarian homeland, told a Washington press conference yesterday she will fight for the U. N. seat to prevent "the peace of death" from settling over Hungary.

Refugee Official Makes Plea

Asks Moral Aid for Hungary

By Eileen Summers

A SMALL, gray-haired woman, who believes she is the only member of the Nagy cabinet to have escaped from Hungary in the final hours of its short-lived freedom, appealed in Washington yesterday for the "moral and diplomatic support" of the United Nations for her embattled country.

"The United Nations must settle this before the peace of death settles over Hungary," said Anna Kethly, 67-year-old leader of the Hungarian Social Democratic (Socialist) Party. But she made it clear she was asking for no military aid for her country.

"We believe that would start World War III in which Hungary would be wiped out," she said.

Miss Kethly was appointed at the beginning of November by Imre Nagy, Communist head of the provisional government in Hungary, to represent her country at the U. N.

AT A NEWS conference at AFL-CIO headquarters she explained that she lacks documentary accreditation to the U. N. post. But she hopes with the support of small and "uncommitted nations" at the U. N. to un-

seat the delegate of the Hungarian puppet government.

"If they were to refuse to seat this delegate it would be a heavy blow against the sham regime in Hungary. And pressure of this kind on the Russians would make a big impression on the Russians," she said. She added: "If the U. N. does not help us, world ruin lies ahead. The small nations will become the prey of Russia and they will become discouraged and lose faith in the West."

Specifically, what she wants, she said, is for a U. N. commission to visit her country as a prelude to setting up free national elections in Hungary that would be supervised by U. N. observers.

MISS KETHLY, whose activities as a labor leader brought her four and a half years in jail when the Communist regime came to power in her country, was in Vienna when Nagy telephoned her to name her to the U. N. post.

She had just reentered Hungary when the Russians broke off negotiations with the Nagy government and attacked in full force. She managed to recross the bor-

der into Austria before the Russians sealed it off.

YESTERDAY, she turned aside a question aimed at assessing Nagy's chances in a free election.

"The real question is whether we are going to have free elections in my country," she said. "The Nagy government was transitional and we sought to establish

free elections as soon as they could be arranged. I had raised this question before the revolt but the Communists opposed it strongly."

She maintained vehemently that the Hungarian uprising was "a purely spontaneous uprising by all the Hungarian people against the Communist regime. It was not the result of planned action."



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