

KOSSUTH

**A Tribute to the Hungarian People on
Their Day of Independence**

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, the year 1848 was a year of revolution on the European Continent. Europe was in ferment. The forces of liberalism and

nationalism, turned loose by the American Revolution of 1776 and the French Revolution of 1789 and repressed in Europe during the post-Napoleonic period, burst forth with renewed vigor to shake the foundations of the European system. Hungary was one storm center in the struggle for national independence.

America has her Washington; Hungary has her Kossuth. In our War of Independence Washington came to the fore, and leading the forces of the Revolution carried the cause of American independence to final fulfillment. We are the beneficiaries of the efforts of this great man; we are the beneficiaries of the efforts of his heroic soldiers.

In the Hungarian revolution of 1848 Louis Kossuth, like Washington, came to the fore and led the forces of Hungarian independence. Unfortunately, Kossuth and his compatriots failed in their attempt to establish freedom and democracy in Hungary. Imperial Russia intervened in the war of independence, and joining the forces of the Hapsburg Empire, succeeded in destroying the independence that the Hungarian people had proclaimed.

The Hungarian cause was lost. But, even from failure there arises many wholesome things and from this great attempt at establishing independence in Hungary there emerged a great leader of Hungarian democracy: Louis Kossuth. A leader of inestimable quality and ability Louis Kossuth has rightly taken a place alongside of the world's great leaders of democracy and independence, men like Washington, Jefferson, O'Connell and Bolivar.

Probably one of the most galling aspects of the present regime in Hungary is the attitude it has taken toward Kossuth. Deceitfully, the Communists have attempted in their propaganda to depict Louis Kossuth as a precursor of their own so-called liberation regime. The Communists have used every propagandistic contrivance to make this great Hungarian leader appear as one of them. Indeed, this treacherous tactic is a prime example of the manner in which the Communists have used the good name of a great democratic leader to cloak their own tyranny and injustices. Thus, they have sought to create the impression that the Communist movement in Hungary is really a Hungarian nationalist movement, entirely unrelated to the Soviet Union and the international Communist conspiracy. Indeed, this is a vicious fraud that is being attempted upon the Hungarian people, for Louis Kossuth and his patriots of 1848 were motivated by the highest democratic ideals; they were men grounded firmly in the Christian tradition; they were above all else Hungarians loyal to the cause of their nation. In a word, these men represent everything that we profess to be, great and pure, everything that is fundamentally hostile to the concept of communism.

Today as Hungary lies enchained in a new tyranny, all Hungarians can look to Louis Kossuth and the patriots of 1848 for inspiration in their struggle for freedom. For them we in America pray, as indeed Kossuth himself had prayed, that Hungary will one day be free.

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