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#### NOTES ON MR. IMRE BEKESSY

Last April 4th, one of the most important writers and journalists of Eastern Europe, the Hungarian Imre Bekessy, disembarked in New York from the small Portuguese steamship Carvalho Araujo. For over 30 years, Mr. Bekessy was the leading newspaper publisher of Austria and Hungary. He directed three publications in Vienna ("Die Stunde", "Die Buehne", "Die Boerse"), the greatest liberal daily of Budapest ("Ujsag") and an economic weekly ("Ost-Kurrier"). All these publications fought inflexibly for the ideals of democracy and human rights. The "Stunde" was the first illustrated daily in Eastern Europe; the "Buehne" was the first large magazine of the American type. In the "Boerse" Mr. Bekessy succeeded in popularizing economic problems in a manner which made them accessible to the large masses of laymen.

Mr. Bekessy left Hungary at the outbreak of the war, intending to join his son who had volunteered in the French army to fight for democracy and freedom. His son, the well-known novelist Hans Habe, escaped from a German prison camp and came to New York in December 1940. Mr. Imre Bekessy followed him there.

Mr. Bekessy was born in Budapest in 1887. He obtained degrees of law and economics at the universities of Budapest and Vienna before starting on his journalistic career. One of the most competent experts on Eastern and Central European politics and economics, he published (in 1933) a book entitled "The Road to German Hegemony in the Danube Region." In this book Mr. Bekessy predicted the war and analyzed German tendencies to hegemony on the basis of historical and economic facts.

Mr. Bekessy specializes in biographies of leading intellectual, political and economic personalities. He published nearly 50 biographies, among them the biographies of F. D. Roosevelt, Fiorella LaGuardia, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Churchill, Chamberlain, Vargas, etc. He is the author of a book entitled "Heroes of Inflation". Another of his books "The Great Russian Dungeon" deals with Russian policies from Peter the Great to Stalin. His novel "Accursed Love" was widely read, and innumerable stories of his found their way to the world press.

In Hungarian literary circles he was hailed as "The Hungarian Leacock". Without doubt, Mr. Bekessy may be considered one of the most many-sided writers and journalists from the European continent.

Imre Bekessy fought in the world war as artillery officer. He spent 27 months at the front without interruption and won several distinctions.

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