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BEHIND THE RAPE OF HUNGARY. By Francois Fejto.
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IN THE TORMENT and tragedy of any national uprising, there always seems to rise one cry above all to give the events meaning and purpose. So it was in Hungary a year ago but with the added note that the cry rose from a Communist in a land of communism.

It was Gyula Hay speaking on the eve of the October revolution. One of Hungary's foremost writers, he finally struck out at the intellectual straitjacket of communism in this moving polemic quoted by Francois Fejto in his new book:

The writer "must be free . . . to tell the truth without restriction; to criticize anybody and anything whatsoever; to be melancholy; to be in love; to meditate on death; to believe in the omnipotence of God; to deny His existence; to express doubts as to the accuracy of certain statistics relative to the plan; to think along non-Marxist lines; to think like a Marxist, even when his ideas developed in that way do not happen to correspond to officially established truths; not to love certain rulers; to realize that the city is tumbling down for want of repairs; to love Stal-ville or not to love it; to defend humanity even in situations about which less sensitive minds have been unable to see that there is anything inhuman . . ."

Fejto, former chief of the Hungarian information bureau in Paris and now in ex-

ile working for Agence France-Presse, tells much more about the causes and the actual inner activity of the uprising in his well-titled book, **BEHIND THE RAPE OF HUNGARY**. While much covers familiar ground, there is new and exciting detail to confirm again that this was indeed an anti-Communist revolution participated in by Communists as well as oppressed others whose main interest was the salvation of Hungary.

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