

Horthy Agents Here At Work for Axis

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Strong pro-Axis influences still seek to sabotage the war efforts of nearly one million patriotic Hungarian Americans. Agents of the fascist Government of Admiral Horthy of Hungary—now at war with America—are very active in the tri-state area extending from New York City to Connecticut and New Jersey.

More than 100,000 Hungarian Americans in this area are bombed with Hitlerite propaganda by Horthy's agents.

Newspapers like the pro-fascist "Egyetertes" of Bridgeport, Conn., have been attacking New York and Connecticut workers every week with enemy propaganda.

Fortunately this poisonous paper shut down last week after a visit by FBI probers.

EDITORS CARRY ON

But the editors still carry out Horthy's assignments. Chief Editor John Dezso still functions as an executive board member of the Hungarian American Federation, which Horthy men set up in the United States as a tool of the Axis.

Dezso also remains at the head of the Bridgeport Hungarian Sick Benefit Association.

Closing of the Bridgeport pro-fascist paper makes only one rent in the nation-wide network of Horthy propaganda.

Here in New York City the Hungarian Daily Nepszava of 374 Second Ave. still carries on a violent, disruptive, red-baiting campaign against the win-the-war unions and the win-the-war progressive political parties, which Hungarian workers support.

Nationally the Horthyites work through nearly 40 other Hungarian language papers and several national organizations.

On the international front these enemies excuse the Hungarian fascist Government, which declared war against the United States and gives hundreds of thousands of soldiers to Hitler on the Stalingrad and Caucasus fronts and other war centers.

They excuse Admiral Horthy, the dictator of Hungary, by saying he is a VICTIM of Hitler.

And thus they blow cold on the people's hatred against Hitler's war ally.

And thus they aid Hitler himself.

HORTHY'S INTRIGUE

The Horthy fascist Government began laying its propaganda bases in America years ago.

At the Budapest World Congress of Hungarians living abroad the Horthy Government entertained 283 delegates from America, 201 from Germany, hundreds from elsewhere, and pledged them to support him.

Nazis were prominent in the leadership of the Congress and the gathering was dedicated to the "ideals of fascism" by the keynote speech of Dr. Julius Kornis, president of Horthy's parliament.

American delegates at this Congress accepted the Nazi-Horthy leadership.

They endorsed the formation of

the Hungarian World Federation at this Congress. This World Federation was committed to Horthy's program of territorial expansion into Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

These American delegates included leaders of conservative Hungarian societies and some prominent churchmen.

Last November a group of Congress delegates and other Horthy sympathizers organized the Hungarian American Federation, the American branch of the Horthy world movement, at a meeting in Pittsburgh.

AGENTS IN AMERICA

This Federation became the chief center of Horthy propaganda in the United States.

Meeting less than two weeks before Pearl Harbor the delegates pledged their support of Horthy's expansionist program—which had already resulted in the seizure of Carpatho-Russia from Czechoslovakia and of chunks of Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Dezso became an executive board member.

The delegates at the same timeaped Hitler with outcries against "Bolshevism."

For their president they chose a top American delegate to the Budapest Congress, one Joseph Darago, the head of the "Verhovny," a fraternal society.

And for the chairmanship of one of their most important committees they chose the notorious anti-Semite and terrorist, Tibor de Eckhardt, who helped direct the massacres of workers when Horthy took power in 1919 and helped to pass the anti-Semitic laws of Hungary later.

They had to drop Eckhardt later however. Mass opposition was too great. Eckhardt also had to quit the "Movement for Independent Hungary," which he headed with the active support of Otto Hapsburg, the pretender to the Hungarian throne, now in America.

Progressive Hungarians, who represent the dominant spirit of their people, are winning other victories in America. They have held successful unity conferences in New York and Chicago recently, with delegates from a wide variety of organizations. They have seen the pro-Axis propaganda of the reactionary press growing paler before the opposition of the readers, while the circulation of such win-the-war organs as the Magyar Jovo of 413 East 14th St. grows larger.

The issues of the war are becoming clearer to the majority of Hungarian-Americans who understand that the victory of America and the liberation of their homeland go together.