

2. HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER SUPPORTS TITO POSITION

Comment on:

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In the first substantive comment on the Soviet-Yugoslav talks in the Crimea yet to appear in a Satellite, a Hungarian trade union daily on 2 October claimed that these talks will strengthen both Hungarian-Yugoslav friendship and the post-Rakosi liberalization trend in Hungary. This article apparently reflects the thinking of the increasingly powerful moderate elements of the Hungarian Communist Party and is tantamount to a public declaration of their alignment on the Yugoslav side of the current dispute.

The Crimean talks, the article asserted, represent "the weightiest corroboration" of the Hungarian party's post-Rakosi July resolution--viewed by party moderates as their "emancipation proclamation." They "make it clear once and for all for everybody that our country's progress is unimaginable without the consistent implementation of the July resolution and the defeat of all opposition to it."

The article said that the "straightforward" attitude of the Soviet party and government had "started the progress of healing and clarification" with Yugoslavia, but complained that this process has been "slow and protracted and advanced only in the face of difficulties and obstacles." Although the USSR reportedly warned the Satellites on 3 September that Yugoslavia's ties to the West were too close, the article strongly implies that such ties are acceptable.

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