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Various factors have combined recently to weaken the position of the MHBK (Collegial Society of Hungarian Veterans) and its leader, General Andras Zako, according to a report received from the political advisor of the Fund's Outlet in Munich.

These factors are:

- 1) The discontinuance some four months ago of the substantial financial subsidy of the MHBK by the French and more recently of a smaller subsidy from an American source
- 2) The creation in Salzburg of a rival Hungarian Veterans Association by General Ferenc Farkas de Kisbarnak
- 3) Tibor Eckhardt has reportedly refused to provide any aid to the MHBK at this time.
- 4) Baron Radvansky removed Hungaria's chief editor on the ground that he was too closely involved with the MHBK

On March 7 MHBK elements staged a brief demonstration in front of the Fund's Outlet building in Munich, carrying signs such as "Red Count Go Home" (reference to Count Gyula Dessozffy, chief of the Hungarian desk) and "We Like Ike". The apparent purpose of the demonstrators, according to the political advisor of the Fund's Outlet, was to have themselves photographed. Their picture appeared in the Munich Abendzeitung (March 9)

Another Fund representative in Munich reports as follows regarding a conversation of March 16 with General Gustav Hennyey (chief of the Hungarian National Council's Refugee Service in Germany) on the subject of the Hungarian exile military situation in Germany and Austria:

"...On February 28th, according to Hennyey, General Ferenc Farkas de Kisbarnak convened a 'meeting of generals' in Salzburg in a renewed bid for leadership of the

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