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1. It is reported that Pal AUER, the Hungarian representative of our friends in Paris, on his last visit to France, raised the question of the ZAKO group of Hungarian soldier DP's in Germany and Austria and the Korean war. He was trying to determine whom he should contact to make known the desire of this important military group to cooperate with the Americans at this time. Since it was revealed that the Zako group had direct contact in Germany and Austria with US, UK and French military establishments and likewise that it had close relations with certain members of an organization in the United States, it was suggested to Auer that there was no need of the question being raised at Paris.

2. What seemed to be of interest in this development was to note that Auer was willing to act on behalf of the Zako group. Reportedly, the General himself had been in Paris talking to the French, both the military and the S.D.E.C.E. (Col. POURCAULT), at the time and it is presumed he discussed the matter also with Auer. The left wing of the Hungarian emigration in Paris, Socialists, Tibor HAM Peasants, etc., allegedly are strongly opposed to the Zako group even at times accusing it of fascist tendencies. Auer's contact with them, although on a purely administrative basis, apparently awakens bitter criticism. It is felt that the left wing is much afraid that the world situation is improving the prospects of the ex-military elements in the emigration and, in the case of the Hungarians, of Zako's group. Thus there will probably be a tendency to attack the ex-soldiers more and more as fascists.

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