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HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY ELECTS PRESIDUM

The recently founded Tarsadalom-es Termeszettudomanyi Ismeretterjeszto Tarsulat (Society for the Propagation of Social and Natural Sciences) [see 00-W-26632] held its first general meeting on 29 April 1953 in the assembly hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. A presidium consisting of the following members was elected at the meeting:

Erzsebet Andics, First Deputy Minister of Higher Education and President of the National Peace Council; Elemer Balogh, teacher at the political university of the party; Mezso Bogmar, academician and Kossuth Prize winner; Jozsef Darvas, Minister of Education and President of the Hungarian League of Authors; Mrs Lec David, teacher and Kossuth Prize winner; Lajos Elekes, Secretary-General of the Historical Society; Tibor Erdelyi-Gruz, Minister of Higher Education; Ferenc Erdel, Minister of Agriculture.

Bela Fogarasi, academician and Kossuth Prize winner; Ferenc Fulop, Director of the National Historical Museum; Sandor Gaspar, Secretary of the National Council of Trade Unions; Pal Gombas, Vice-President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Bela Kelen, Secretary-General of the Hungarian-Soviet Society; Istvan Kiraly, Kossuth Prize winner and university docent; Ferenc Koch, academician and university professor; Kalman Lissak, corresponding member of the academy; Erno Mihalyfi, Deputy Minister of Culture and President of the National Association of Hungarian Journalists.

Erik Molnar, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Gyorgy Non, First Deputy Minister of Culture; Gyorgy Osztrovski, Acting Secretary-General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Dezso Pals, Kossuth Prize winner and academician; Karoly Pater, Rector of the University of Agricultural Science; Istvan Rusznayak, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Kurt Sedlmayr, academician and Kossuth Prize winner; Jozsef Schandl, university professor, Director of the Livestock Breeding Research Institute.

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Ferenc Szabo, composer and Kossuth Prize winner; Elemer Szadecsky-Kardoss and Imre Toro, academicians and Kossuth Prize winners; Endre Valko, Secretary-General of the Association of Technical and Scientific Societies; Jozsef Vero, university professor, Director of the Research Institute for the Iron Industry; and Lajos Vegvari, Director of the Metropolitan Picture Gallery.

Elected to the society's Control Committee were Dezso Nemes, member of the board of directors of the Historical Society; Imre Mathe, university professor; and Adam Mutnyanszky, university professor and Kossuth Prize winner.

Rezső Bogner, Kossuth Prize winner, academician and chief speaker of the meeting, said that it was the sacred duty of all Hungarian intellectuals to participate in the work of the new society. According to Bogner, the society will serve a dual purpose: it will acquaint the working masses with the latest developments in art, science, and technology, and at the same time it will re-educate the intelligentsia by familiarizing it with the classical exponents of Marxism.

Bogner recommended that the society should establish departments of philosophy, political science, and fine arts, in addition to the existing departments of biology, agronomy, hygiene, geography, mathematics and astronomy, chemistry and physics, technology, history, and literature. He concluded by requesting the party to supervise and direct the work of the society.

Prominent among those who contributed to the discussion following Bogner's speech were Imre Razso and Kalman Lissak, corresponding members of the academy; Karoly Pater; Lajos Cseterki, Secretary of the National Council of Trade Unions; Tibor Mendol, university professor and delegate of the Hungarian Geographic Society; Pal Fandi, Secretary of the Society of the History of Hungarian Literature; Endre Bereczky, Kossuth Prize winner and Dean of the Veszprem University of Industrial Chemistry; Agoston Kollanyi, Director of the Magyar Hirado es Dokumentum Filmgyar (Hungarian Newsreel and Documentary Film Factory); and Gabor Ferenczi, mechanical engineer of the Wilhelm Pieck Vagon es Gepgyar (Wilhelm Pieck Railroad Car and Machine Factory).

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