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HUNGARIAN PRESS LIMITS IDENTIFICATION  
OF PERSONS DECORATED

In the course of the regular exploitation of the Hungarian press, it has been noted that since mid-July 1954, up to 2 September 1954, complete identification of the recipients of decorations has largely been discontinued. Formerly, the position (e.g., tractor driver, director of a scientific institute, etc.), the employing agency (e.g., Voros Csillag (Red Star) Producers Cooperative, Meteorological Institute, etc.), and the place of residence of each person receiving a decoration were included in the announcements; now, such data are being omitted.

Thus, the list of decorations presented on the occasion of Constitution Day, 20 August, which was published in Szabad Nep on 21 August, includes such names as Andras Nagy, Istvan Kovacs, Istvan Farkas, Janos Varga, etc., which are quite common in every Hungarian locality. Without further identification such names are as meaningless as John Smith or Tom Brown.

An exception is being made for a few high-ranking decorations. For example, the list published in Szabad Nep on 21 August is headed by the following item:

"On the occasion of Constitution Day, and in recognition of outstanding services rendered in connection with the worker-peasant meeting, the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic has awarded the following decorations:

"The Hero of Socialist Work and the Order of Merit of the Hungarian People's Republic to Bela L. Kovacs, tractor operator of the Jaszkeser MES, and Lajos Macko, combine operator of the Voros Csillag state farm of Beremend.

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"The Red Flag Order of Merit of Work to Sandor Bujaki, tractor operator of the Lengyelvoti MFS; Dr Sandor Berke, researcher of the Agricultural Research Institute of Szeged; Ferenc Burjan, binder operator of the state farm of Babolna; Janos Mehes, combine operator of the state farm of Komad; and Karoly Pater, rector of the Agricultural University."

The foregoing item is then followed by lists of recipients of other decorations, such as the Order of Merit of Work, the Medal of Merit For Socialist Work, the Medal of Merit of Work, etc., with only names and occupations being given; e.g., Andras Nagy, latheworker.

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