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1. About 1 September 1954, an official of the Ministry of Mail and Transportation stated that the Russians are planning to relinquish at least part of their interest in the Meszhart (Hungarian-Soviet Navigation, Inc.) shipping concern.
2. This story was repeated on 3 September 1954 by another employee of the ministry who added that the Russians are also considering release of interests in Maszovlet (Hungarian-Soviet Civilian Airline Co.) and in Maszolaaj (Hungarian-Soviet Oil, Inc.).

Comment: At least partial Soviet withdrawal from joint concerns in Hungary might very well tie in with reported large-scale withdrawal of Soviet advisory personnel from all fields save the military. The most likely reason for these Soviet moves is to grant the Hungarians a sense of greater independence in face of large scale adjustments in the Hungarian industry involving the dismissal of thousands of workers.



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