

assist them with some acts of symbolic value which we have tried to do for the last few years and, chiefly, in the course of the last year. You will have heard of the Hungarian Council in Great Britain which, under Michael Károlyi's presidency, united all shades of democratic Hungarian opinion in this country. Its "Right Wing" (although it dislikes being called so) is the Association of Free Hungarians in Great Britain, represented by the former Dozent of history at the Budapest University S. Iványi-Grünwald, the former correspondent of Pester Lloyd Dr. Andrew Reval and the engraver George Buday (a former leader of the College of Szeged Youth) etc.; its pillar No.2 is the Károlyi-Vámbery coalition, the "New Democratic Hungary Movement"; its pillar No.3 the Hungarian Club in London (LHK) mainly grouped around Communists; and a fourth subsidiary pillar is a handful of non-group, co-opted members such as the distinguished Budapest lawyer Dr. Béla Lévy, the former President of the Galilei Club Prof. Karl Polányi, and myself. You will have heard of our messages, several times put out by the BBC, quoted by the Moscow radio and Kossuth radio, etc. Most recently the Soviet Embassy was so kind as to forward a letter from our Council to the Presidency of the Hungarian Assembly, and we are awaiting the reply.

It may interest you to know that out of the well-known writers of pre-last war Hungary, Louis Hatvany, Lajos Barta, Lajos Biró and Illés Kacsér are in England; so are the best-seller novelists Paul Tabori, Ferenc Kőröndi and Jolán Földes (the latter played some part in the Association of Hungarians in Great Britain), and the gifted poet André Havas who is now Károlyi's secretary. A volume of poems by Havas and a novel by Kőröndi were published in London in Hungarian - you may have seen them.

My father is in New York where he has been awarded a literary prize by the Academy of Arts and Letters. Jászai, Vámbery, Anna Lesznai, George Faludy are also in the U.S. I wonder whether you see their weekly HARC sometimes. I propose to write an article for it answering your essay on Szép Szó, and shall ask them to post some copies to you as soon as my article has appeared.

As to those of my colleagues whose names you may remember from my periodical, Bartalan Hatvany is now in Switzerland where he contributed to the "Suisse Contemporaine" and the "Nouvelle Revue de Hongrie" and is in touch, although not in absolute harmony, with the Hungarian National Independence Front group of Switzerland; I do not agree with everything he says as I never did, but appreciate his fundamental good will which I think enabled him to act as a sort of mediator between the Independence Front and the honest section of the Diplomats' group. Fejtő, about whom I think you were most unduly severe, is in Paris; he fought for 6 months in the Maquis, wrote books on Joseph II and Heine, is on good terms with the Socialist "Világosság" group and on changing terms with Békési and his Council. André Németh is also in France. Zsigmond Remenyik left, before the war, for the United States, but returned to Hungary later and, having undergone an almost pathological process, vented his feelings in a disgraceful article against the Left Wing refugees, one for which I shall hardly be able to forgive him completely; but as I learn, he afterwards woke up and behaved quite all right. He, as well as the rest - Béla Horváth, József Berde, Zoltan Gáspár, K. Havas etc. - have lived in Hungary since; I saw some of their courageous poems and articles now and then, but they had always less and less opportunity to publish their writings and, since the German occupation, I have lost sight of all of them. Béla Eszlit and Aladár Komlos, both Jews, managed to escape with a transport to Switzerland, after having left Hungary in June, and I learn from them that the poet József Fodor, who was also an important contributor to Szép Szó, behaved extremely well - which has not surprised me.

I should be most grateful if you would sometime write to me, and should especially be interested in your ideas and suggestions about the practical ways of co-operation between the Hungarians in the Soviet Union and ourselves. Most of us, including myself, would like to return to Hungary as soon as possible but this does not seem to be an easy thing in the near future, owing to the difficulties of transport, etc. - although things, in this respect, may change sooner than we dare to expect.