

OCTOBER 14 1976

## Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESSLEADERS OF AMERICAN HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY

Dr. Zoltan Beky  
President  
American Hungarian Federation

Major General Donald S. Dawson  
U.S.A.F. Retired  
Attorney

Mr. Istvan B. Gereben  
Executive Secretary  
Coordinating Committee of  
Hungarian Organizations in  
North America

Mr. Tibor Haelcz  
President  
Federation of Former  
Hungarian Prisoners

Mr. Laszlo Hamos  
Chairman  
Committee for Human Rights  
in Romania

The Honorable Frank Horton

Dr. Andras Pogany  
President  
World Federal of Hungarian  
Freedom Fighters

Mr. Jozsef Kovago  
Former Mayor of Budapest

Mr. Louis Lote  
National Chairman  
Coordination of Hungarian Organizations

Mr. George Lovas  
Executive Director  
Hungarian Bicentennial Committee

Mr. Laszlo Mogyorossy  
National President  
Hungarian Freedom Fighters  
Federation

Mr. Lejos Hajou Nemeth  
Chairman  
American Hungarian Republican  
Federation

A. Background: Formed under the banner of the Committee to Commemorate the American and Hungarian Revolution (1776, 1956), various Hungarian Organization members are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution.

1. The theme of the celebration is to reaffirm belief in the self-evident truth "that all men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," and to pay tribute to those who fought and fell for those rights.
2. During a 30 day period, which began in Budapest, Hungary, on October 23, 1956, has been considered by the Hungarian Freedom Fighters as a revolutionary period against tyranny. It started with 2,000 students peacefully gathering in historic Parliament Square in Pest and reached its climax when 9,000 Hungarians in one day crossed the Austrian frontier seeking freedom on November 23, 1956.
3. There will be a dinner Friday night in Washington to which the President was invited but had to decline. However, a Presidential message has been prepared for the event. Dinner

Chairman is Congressman Frank Horton (R-NY) and Leo Cherne, Executive Director of The Research Institute of America, Inc. and Chairman of the Board of the International Rescue Committee is the guest speaker. Dr. Andras Pogany, The World Federation of Hungarian Freedom Fighters, is also with Congressman Horton on the event.

The group also plans to make two presentations to the President while they are here:

- A book of the Hungarian Revolution entitled, "Remember Hungary".
- A plaque with a statement from remarks by Cardinal Midzenty engraved.