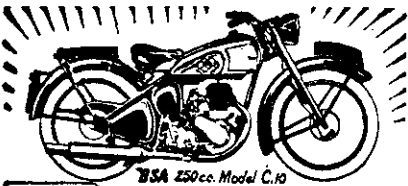


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## Hungary's Presbyterians

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That would be the Conservative, or Right Party, I suggested.

Professor Knight smiled. "If being 'left' means belonging to the industrial workers (as it does all over the Continent) you are correct. But the government's first act, before ever the Russians arrived, was to confiscate the big estates and split them up among one-and-a-half million landless agricultural labourers. That's not exactly a clinging to the *status quo* as 'conservative' usually means. Well, whatever you call them, it's the alliance between the Christian Jews and the Protestant peasants inside the one Church which has given Hungary its present government. Presbyterians are at the moment *persona grata* with the Russian occupation authorities and are mediating in practical ways between the Christian and the Communist conceptions of society. This is a vital, if perhaps temporary, role in a land where the Communists can't possibly rule because they poll only six per cent, but where the Roman Catholic majority is too suspect to the Occupying Power—that is, Russia—to be able to take office."

"Is there then no real freedom in Hungary?"



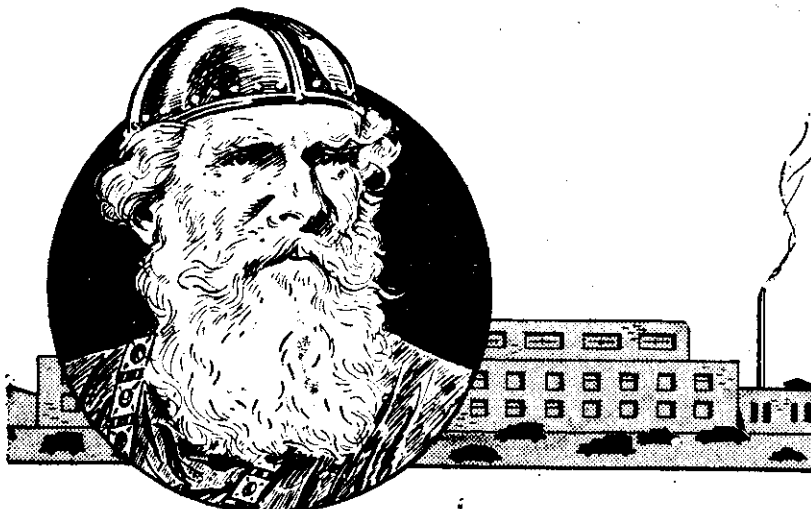
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And did that mean, I asked, that Hungary would gradually be incorporated into the Russian sphere?"

"On the contrary," he replied, "it was completely plain to see, wherever I went, that contact with the Russians had made Hungarians quite firmly certain that their Western Heritage and Western ways were superior to the Russian ones. In fact there was a saying going about that 'Stalin has made two mistakes. He has let Europe see the Russians, and the Russians see Europe.' Don't quote that as my own opinion. I'm just telling you how the Hungarians were reacting."

—A.M.R.



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I MUST confess my heart has never warmed  
To those prim circles, always "well-informed,"

Who hold themselves aloof within the fence  
Of their invisible circumference,  
To whom, in time of trouble, storm, or stress,  
Recourse is had by members of The Press;  
But if indeed our casual speech MUST be  
Adorned with figures of geometry  
Why give the circle the monopoly?  
Why not admit to open competition  
The total outfit of the geometrician?  
The squinting rhomboid, the aspiring cone,  
The quadrant and the mystic pentagon,  
The sly triangle, so renowned in wedlock  
Sinister cause of many a sorry deadlock,  
And what should baulk or hinder, if you please,  
The showy trapezoid, the gay trapeze?  
I cannot find it in my heart to damn  
The dull but useful parallelogram;  
And why cold-shouldered, boycotted, and not  
in use  
the innocent, misunderstood hypotenuse  
That, bravely, like a hero of romance,  
Stares the right angle out of countenance?  
Come one, come all, no matter if at random  
My choice among the lot, if choose I must,  
With no unworthy prejudice I trust,  
Would be, for sure, the bold broad-shouldered  
square,  
Symbol of honesty and dealings fair.

—Arnold Wall.