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Hungary Red Rule

U. S. Envoy Tells Of Kremlin Grip

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PARIS, Feb. 18.—United States Minister Selden Chapin charged today that Hungary is under "the total domination of a group of Moscow-trained Communists whose sole allegiance is to the Kremlin."

The American diplomat, whose recall has been demanded by the Budapest government told a Paris news conference:

"No one except the blind and the twisted can fail to see this. I can say that unless a person has actually lived in Hungary or any other iron curtain countries, and learned from personal observation...he cannot possibly conceive what life is like.

"I cannot tell you because the truth is beyond imagination and defies description."

Chapin's departure from Hungary was a sequel to the trial and life imprisonment of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. Hungary first expelled two lesser legation officials, and then asked for Chapin's recall. The government had accused the latter of dealings with the cardinal, who allegedly sought to overthrow the communist-controlled regime.

Referring to the charges that he and his associates had plotted against Hungary, Chapin said:

"The various charges levelled at me by the so-called Hungarian government and the Communist-controlled Hungarian press...are deliberate, fabricated lies, beneath contempt."

Statements by President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson, which condemned the cardinal's trial as "infamous" and "shocking," were termed "restrained" by Chapin.

He said that the comments by the President and the ranking cabinet officer "reached a large number of people in Hungary, and had a good, heartening effect on the Hungarian people." Chapin added:

"If free elections were possible tomorrow, anti-Communists would be returned to office." He said that the pro-Communist percentage — in the event of honest elections — would be less than in many western countries.

"Sixty days out of the year, the whole town (Budapest) is draped with streamers and banners. Red banners with the hammer and sickle now predominate whereas a year ago, Hungarian colors predominated."