

# 20 years after bloody revolt, Hungary now lives in paradox

On Oct. 23, 1956, Hungarians rebelled against their Communist government. Soviet forces stationed in the country put down the revolt with bloody results. Here is a look at the country today by a veteran correspondent who was in Budapest at the time of the revolution 20 years ago.

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VIENNA — Twenty years after their abortive anti-Soviet revolution, Hungarians describe their country as a stage "where we can move freely, but where the prompter's box is in Moscow."

This paradox reflects the Hungarian way of life: to go as far as possible within the confines of the Soviet Bloc but never to twist the tail of the Russian bear.

While toeing the Soviet foreign policy line and remaining a staunch member of the Warsaw Pact military alliance and Comecon, the Eastern equivalent of the European Com-

mon Market, the Hungarians enjoy perhaps the most liberal brand of communism within the Soviet Bloc. They even have experimented with a modified form of free market economy. Its consumer orientation has earned Hungarian communism the label of "Goulash communism."

But four Soviet divisions are believed to be still inside Hungary, comprising 50,000 troops, 1,200 tanks and 300 planes. To avoid opening old wounds, the Russians are kept in their barracks or maneuver areas and have scant contact with local inhabitants.

Western observers agree that the Hungarians have, for the most part, overcome the trauma of 1956.

"The Hungarians feel no great love for the Russians, no particular respect, but no great hatred," said a Western diplomat in Budapest.

Tibor Dery, an 82-year-old Hungarian writer who was jailed after

Soviet forces crushed the uprising, said in an Austrian television interview recently that he felt the revolution had a "Happy end" after all.

"I do not believe that the many wounds and destruction we suffered are still felt today, not much, at any rate," he said.

The two-week-long revolt broke out Oct. 23, 1956, and 2,700 Hungarians were killed, 20,000 were wounded and 200,000 fled the country after the Soviet army went into action. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said 30,715 went to the United States.

Hundreds were arrested in the ensuing crackdown. Scores were executed, including Imre Nagy, the premier of the revolutionary government, and his defense minister, Gen. Pal Maleter.

Of the refugees, 40,000 have since returned, the government says. Others who acquired foreign citizen-

ship have come back as tourists. Today, every 10th tourist is Hungarian-born, officials claim.

Janos Kadar, who first sided with Nagy and then turned against the revolution, is still in power, leading the 10.5 million Hungarians on a political tight rope.

Now 64, Kadar is second in senior-

ity among Soviet bloc leaders to Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov.

When Soviet tanks crushed the uprising, Kadar became the most hated man in Hungary. He referred to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, who ordered the suppression, as "My fatherly friend and elder brother."

Much of Kadar's success in winning popular support since then is attributed to his dictum: "Whoever is not against us is with us."

He is a master of caution, never going far enough to incur the wrath of his own people or of the Kremlin. His relationship with Soviet

leader Leonid Brezhnev is considered good but not overly cordial. Every summer, they vacation at the same Black Sea resort.

Budapest today resembles Western capitals in stylishness, with glittering shop windows and traffic jams.

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In order to keep up with three-digit inflation here, workers get

mandatory pay increases every three months. Savings banks pay interest of more than 8 per cent a month. The total cost of a purchase on an installment plan can be twice the cash price.

Annual three-digit inflation rates began during the administration of the late Marxist President Salvador Allende, whose elected government was overthrown by the armed forces in September 1973.

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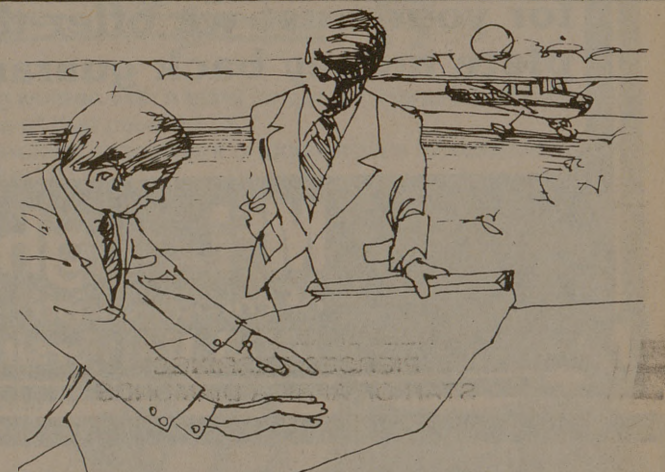
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