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Dear Friends,

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The last radio message from the Buda Castle, where the gendarmes were still fighting in February 1945: *“Gendarme comrades, we are completely surrounded in the ruins of the Castle Fort. A desperate battle is now raging for the control of the neighboring buildings. We are often forced during the day to change our positions in the midst of intense fighting. Our commanding officer is severely wounded and lying on a stretcher beside us. Two of our comrades have disappeared. We have not had bread and water for days; we have forgotten what sleep is. We have accepted our fate and entrust our future to the Lord God. If we do not live through this hell, please, take care of our families. We just received word that only a few streets are still in our possession. Within a few hours, perhaps one to two days, the two-month siege will come to an end and Budapest will fall into Russian hands. If this happens, then the nation will also be lost. We have done all we could. God bless the Hungarians, long live Hungary, long live the Gendarmerie!”*

With the fall of Buda, communism burst onto the world earth-shatteringly, forcefully entering and changing the whole western civilization. Its goal was an overt makeover of our culture. This event affects the world hugely even today, even in America, where this socialist-communist philosophy appears to have embedded its influence into all

Alföldi Vilma
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AZ „ELLENSÉG” GYERMEKEIVEL

„K.S.V. első osztályt végzett tanulót, mint osztályidegen szülők gyermekét, a Megyei Iskolabizottság a váci általános gimnáziumból kizárja... 1953. június 22.”


OSZTÁLYIDEGENEK ELŐTT ZÁRVA
1949-63.

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aspects of society by various ways at various times, most recently under the heading of social justice, where the blame for all ills of the world is placed on white, heterosexual, Christian males. This widely accepted view is the background even for the present international outcry against Hungary, which still desires to abide by Christian standards.

Because the world has changed so much since the gendarmes' last radio transmission, we must wonder if there are people still interested in this event or in the atrocities committed by the communists regime upon the gendarmes and others. Regardless, our job is to search and proclaim the truth, whether anyone listens or cares about it or not.

We have used various means in the pursuit of proclaiming the truth. We listed these in our October newsletter, and will continue in our efforts as long as the Lord gives us strength. And we are thankful to have found a person from the younger generation who is willing to continue our work when we no longer are able, in the person of Prof. Dr. Gergely Tóth. He is a historian, a researcher of the Hungarian diaspora, and has been the newsletter editor for the MHBK's publication, *Hadak Útján*, since 2013. Since October of last year, he is also the central director of that veterans' organization (Magyar Harcosok Bajtársi Közössége).

It is my hope that the gendarme museum at Ópusztaszer will come to fruition and I will still be able to take part in the organization of the displays. If God permits it, then this will be the fulfillment of almost all of my desires in keeping alive the spirit of the gendarmerie (after establishing the website for the gendarmerie's written and photographic material, and providing Hungary with a collection of memorabilia). My only dream which most likely will remain but a dream is the re-erection of the gendarme statue which used to stand in the central parade ground of the Gendarme Officer School on Bőszörményi Street, in Budapest.

Gábor Vince's second book about the fate of gendarmes who remained in Hungary after 1945 is expected within the next year, and Vilma Alföldi's second book, titled, *Interviews with the Children of the "Enemy"* (Interjú az "ellenség" gyermekeivel), was just recently published. The book, whose cover is pictured above, is printed by Püskei Publisher and gives the account of children of 23 people belonging to the social sphere of society the communists considered "enemy," nine of whom were gendarmes. The author interviewed these former children, researched the available archival material, and objectively recorded how communist society caused great suffering for these children whose father's only sin was their profession. They were ostracized from society and the nation was deprived of the contributions these good and talented people could have made. Some of these children still flourished even under these harsh conditions, but the communists still have not been held accountable for the suffering they inflicted. The book may be ordered from the author, or the publisher (alfoldivil@gmail.com, puskikiado@gmail.com).

Please note that our address has changed, while our telephone number and email address remain the same. The MKCsBK's address was always the address of the current central director, so the address changed many times in the past, within a country or even internationally. We moved in May, for the benefit of our family. Although last summer we were not yet thinking of a move, God in His grace was already putting things in motion to this end. The greatest obstacle to our move would have been my gendarme military collection, which occupied a significant portion of the house we lived in for 42 years. But as you know, the collection is now in Hungary, in the possession of Veritas (Dr Szakály Sándor, director). I did not expect any special acknowledgement for returning the gendarme artifacts, documents, pictures, paintings, books, etc. to Hungary for the sake of the gendarmes' honor and the future of our nation,. Nevertheless, I was honored to receive from Dr. János Áder, Hungary's president, the Gold Merit Cross in recognition of my efforts in preserving Hungary's past. An

article in the February 21, 2021. issue of the *Magyar Nemzet* chronicles it along with our son's translation of *Siege of Sziget (Szigeti veszedelem)*, titled, *Zrinyi Amerikában (Zrinyi in America)* The Hungarian ambassador will make the presentation at a public event after the pandemic-caused restrictions are lifted. The main reason I am grateful for this award is because it is an official positive recognition of the gendarmerie by the Hungarian government.

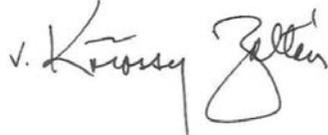
The pandemic not only cancelled our trip to Hungary last summer, but also prevented the sale of our book for youth, *Csendőrszívvel, kakastollal, járőrben*, since many stores in Hungary were closed. With the pandemic slowly diminishing, the Magyar Menedék Könyvesháza, as well as the stores of the Trianon Alapítvány and the ÓNTE gift stores have the book.

On Saturday, September 18, the society of historians, the SZBMRTT, will conduct a symposium in Szeghalom titled, "Híven becsülettel, vitézül", for the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie. For further information, you may contact the head of the organizing committee Prof. Dr. József Boda by email at Boda.Jozsef@nke.hu or by phone: (+36/06-20) 992-0117.

It will be determined this fall if the Ópusztaszer National Historical Heritage Park will be granted funds for the building of the gendarme garrison. We very much hope the funds will be made available for a permanent museum. This would cleanse our nation of the shame that, since 1945, there has been no museum to portray the corps that so loyally served our nation for 63 years, since the communists desired to eradicate even the memory of them.

Peter Aradi-Beöthy again made a sizeable contribution to the ÓNTE museum fund, which we thankfully acknowledge along with R. B. Clementis-Zahony's contribution to the work of the MKCsBK.

Best regards,



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MKCsBK Central Director

Híven, becsülettel, vitézül