

WHAT THE AVERAGE ENGLISHMAN THINKS OF HUNGARIAN REVISION

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Lest it be thought that in consequence of "The Daily Telegraph's" views and suggestion that Hungary's efforts for revision be withheld for 10 years by the voice of British public opinion I make this declaration to all Hungarians. Do not think that the "Daily Telegraph's" statement represents the views of the British Press. Over ninety per cent of the articles written by British journalists have been favourable to Hungary's cause. These writers have not been blinded by Hungarian hospitality. They journeyed to Hungary to study conditions and to report the "truth". That is their job and the views they present are carefully considered from all angles. It would be interesting to learn whether a Daily Telegraph correspondent has studied Hungarian conditions "on the spot". If not, then the Danubian News instead of entering into an argument should have put their case as follows:

"We invite the Editor of this influential British newspaper to visit Hungary. You shall go where you will, ask questions, investigate to your heart's content. No obstacles shall be put in your way to obtain the truth about what we consider to be human justice. We fear not your ultimate decisions, but we would point out that our economic conditions brook no delay. Come to Hungary".

The request and suggestion that Hungary postpone her quest for revision for 10 years shows how short-sighted is the Daily Telegraph's knowledge of affairs in the Balkans. If a competitive newspaper by various methods had a stranglehold on the workings of the "Daily Telegraph" would she coolly take it lying down and expire? I rather think not! One waits not for unconsciousness but fights for life. That surely is what Hungary is doing. It is no friendly gesture on the part of the Daily Telegraph writer, to infer that the British journalists of competitive newspapers have been gulled by the Hungarians, for that is what it amounts to.

Whatever efforts Hungary is making for revision, the British Press in general admires the peaceful methods employed. It is so different from the Soviet

method... And the British representatives of our Parliament who have nothing to gain in helping Hungary? They journeyed to Budapest for what reason? Was it not because they wished to see things as they are? To make right a wrong, if a wrong had been done! The Daily Telegraph's suggestion that Hungary would be advised to withhold, her hand for 10 years on the question of revision casts a reflection on the intelligence of British M. P.-s who in their subsequent actions, show the dire necessity for urgent presentation of the infamous injustices Hungary is suffering.

Have not sufficient years elapsed since the war for the whole world not to have learned sooner that the Treaty of Trianon is but a farce and of so fragile a nature that it is a danger to world peace? A 10 years postponement would endanger that Peace so necessary today. During my stays in Budapest one was repeatedly told that Hungary had behind her a 1000 years old history. That is very true and should be taken into account, but of far greater importance in the minds of us British journalists was: Britain was a party to the Treaty of Trianon. Is Hungary's claim for revision a just and honourable one. In writing our reports, we must not be influenced by what we are told, but what we see. A clever advocate in the Law Courts can often make out a good case out of very poor material. From our observations we make our news. An overwhelming majority of British journalists have told our countrymen Hungary's plight, have published articles that conclusively shew that the monstrous Treaty of Trianon is a malignant cancer eating out the hearts of a nation clamouring for justice. If Britain's sense of fair play is dead, then indeed must there be sadness in the hearts of all Hungarians.

The Daily Telegraph's intently advise is an unworthy gesture. It represents not the opinion of the English, our of the English Press. I who am not on their Staff have no fear. British M.P.-s bear me out by their decisions to further the cause of Hungary, the majority of English journals do not en. Our watchword in the world war was "Carry on". Hungary must do likewise.