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The 14th regular congress of the FIR in Athens

On October 19 – 20, 2007 in Athens the 14th regular congress of the FIR took place. Round about 40 delegated from 15 nations were announced. Unfortunately the entry to Greece was refused to the veterans from Albania and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. On this congress balance of the reconstruction of the FIR was drawn and advised over the future tasks. The most important fact in the balance was that we succeeded in the past three years with the opening of the organization for later born generations, to place the FIR as alive and active organization in the fight against neo-fascism, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia - for peace and to form democracy and social rights. Despite small financial and personnel capacities an alive organization could be received and developed further. Up-to-date over 50 organizations and federations from 24 European countries and Israel belong to FIR. Thus the FIR is the largest international organization of former fighters against fascism, deported and pursuits of the Nazi regime and anti-fascist of today's generations.

To the political balance it belonged also that it succeeded in the past years to make the voice of the FIR in the political concert audible. The statements on actual political problems, about "the danger of extreme rights in Europe" and to the peace problem were particularly heard and spread. The acceptance of the organization pointed itself

in the large number of invitations to commemoration ceremonies, conferences of national member federations or to international conferences to these political topics. On the occasion of the congress the FIR committed also the 20-year anniversary of the appointment as a "Ambassador of the peace" of the United Nations.

In the ceremonial addresses the important role of the former resistance fighters, partisans, deported and pursuing organizations for the peace-movement was stressed. The representatives of the world peace council and the world league of democratic youth underlined in their political greeting words, which threat of the peace proceeds today from imperialistic main powers. The representative of the United Nations on the other side was content with a quite poor greeting formula.

The congress selected unanimously the leading committees of the organization. Michel Vanderborcht was confirmed as a president. As vice-presidents general Anatoli Bogdanow (Russia) and Vilmos Hanti (Hungary) were unanimously elected. The further members of the executive committee are Nikolai Chikachev (Russia), Christos Tzintsilonis (Greece), Heinz Siefritz (Germany, cashier) and Dr. Ulrich Schneider (Germany, Secretary-General).

For political adoption of resolutions altogether five explanations were present,

which were accepted after alive debate. Also the next political activities were discussed. A first political high point of the further work is certain already: The international youth meeting on the Ettersberg in April 2008 on the occasion of the anniversary

sary of the self liberation of the Concentration camp Buchenwald.

A detailed report and the documentation of the resolutions will follow in the next number of the FIR – bulletin.

Ulrich Schneider,

Appeal of FIR as "Peace messenger":

The requirement of time is disarmament and co-operation - not military armament and aggravation of regional conflicts

Today we have the 20th anniversary of the appointment of the International Federation of Resistance fighters (FIR) as "Peace messenger" by the United Nations. The obligations from this appointment remained current until today. 68 years after provoking the World War II with the German aggression against Poland and over 60 years after the end of the world fire we must state also that the peace did not become safer. There are not only the wars in the Iraq and Afghanistan or the military confrontation in the Middle East, also in Europe we see dangerous developments:

On the one hand there is the plan of the US government to establish on the territory of the Czech republic and in Poland a system of missiles to which are to be directed against an alleged threat from Iran, actually increased however the military tensions in Central Europe. The planned radar facilities supplement the espionage mechanisms of the American foreign secret service and from Radio Free Europe and the rockets have a range, with which all goals west the Urals can be achieved. Supplemented by the fact that - according to statement of the investigation report of the European Union - American secret service could operate many years illegal prisons in Central Europe, we see in this facts further examples of an aggressive foreign policy - justi-

fies by alleged fight against terrorism and "rogue states", like Iran, North Korea and Cuba.

The FIR supports the resistance of the Czech and Polish peace forces against these armament activities, which lead to an aggravation of the tensions in Europe.

Second we see the efforts of the USA and the European Union with large concern to advance the separatism in former Yugoslavia against the interests of large minorities by forcing the separation of Kosovo. One tries to implement a UN resolution against the interests of a sovereign member of the United Nations. The FIR supports the warning of the Serbian partner federation SUBNOR that a separation of Kosovo against the will of the Serbian public authority and under ignoring the minority rights will bear new nationalism and the danger of violent arguments.

The FIR is itself conscious of its responsibility as "Peace messenger" of the United Nations also today. It appeals to all member states of the UN to become active against such threats of a peaceful development. It supports the activities of the international peace movement against armament and regional chauvinism.

„Stop the actual neo-fascist tendencies in Europe and the task of the Youth in this process”

This was the subject on an International Youth-conference organised by the parliamentarian group of the socialist parties in the European Parliament from June 13 – 14, 2007 in Brussels in the rooms of the Parliament. This was the first meeting to which FIR was able to invite young antifascists from all over Europe.

At this two-day conference there had been an intensive political exchange of experiences and decisions for common activities. We experienced an interesting debate of political views, because we can see the Youth organizations as an active part in the fight against political extremely right, against racism and intolerance. At this conference delegated from various European countries and Members of the European parliament from the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and especially Hungary took the floor. The Hungarian Vice-President of the European Parliament and Member of the Socialist Group, Kosane Kovacs, opened the conference. Three members of the executive committee of FIR took the floor at the conference. Following the speech of our president Michel Vanderborght:

Resistance, base of anti-Fascism in a united Europe

Ladies and gentlemen, the gathering of the antifascists in the European Parliament today and tomorrow, put the main task on the agenda the reinforcement of the action to put a term at the phenomenon of the neo-fascism in Europe, as well as the participation of youth in the intensification of this process. The announced speakers of the various European countries will lean all on the situation which prevails within their respective country or areas. At the end of the conference, their contribution could be evaluated. The opinions, proposals and measures to be taken will converge towards the same conclusions: to put a stop at the expansive tendency of the extreme right.

Personally, I wish to carry the accent on the valorisation of the human person and the need for a common action accelerated for an immediate and efficient execution. The History indeed showed us many times that our rows should be tightened, under penalty of a return behind with all the consequences of such a return. My generation of young people - boys and girls - offered their life for such a step. We all commemorate them deeply and honour the memory of Guy Moquet (France), Annie Schaft (Netherlands), Zoia (Soviet Union), the brother and sister Scholl (Germany), Konstantin Orfandis (Greece), Giordano Cavestro (Italy), Luc Wesly (Belgium) and still much of other young heroes.

RESISTANCE is at the base of anti-fascism in our joined together Europe. Without the assistance of those from which I come to quote the names, it would probably never have been possible to hold this conference today in the European Parliament. And yet, it is here, in this large "Agora" which sit of

the members of Parliament resulting from States which make works of sympathy with regard to the extreme line. It is necessary to recall that the Estonian Government honoured the last year the troops of the 20th SS-Division. The entirety of the movements of Resistance then protested openly against the erection of memorials to the glory of the Belgian and Dutch SS. We also made share of our disapproval, when during this year, the monument of a partner of the inter-allied military anti-Hitler-coalition was removed from its site in Tallinn. Is this the Europe which we wish to build?

Dear friends, the young people who fought very many within the rows of the Partisans in the countries occupied by the fascistic troops showed us the way. I want to recall now that a few weeks hardly after the end of the Second World War, these young people were firmly decided not to give any chance to Fascism any more and to carry high the ideals of solidarity and peace.

November 10, 1945, was devoted at the Royal Albert Hall of London, the foundation of the Federation of Democratic Youth. At this time, it was for us - young combatants - a revelation. Little time afterwards, Vienna accommodated a conference gathering the ex-prisoners of war, resistant's, ex-servicemen and victims of war, which intended to ban the Fascism of future Europe and created an organization: the International Federation of Resistant Fighters (FIR) today opened as Antifascist Association.

Once again, it is highly time that we tighten our rows and federated our actions there so that together with the younger generation we hindered those even which were fixed like objectives to destroy our assets. We

request the cooperation of all the democratic forces to make common cause with us. It is perhaps wise to listen to the signal which was intoned through the Oath of Buchenwald:

We, ex-prisoners of Buchenwald, Russians, French, Poles, Slovak and German, Spanish, Italian and Austrian, Belgian and Dutch, Luxembourg, Rumanian, Yugoslav and Hungarian, together carried out the combat against the SS, the criminals Nazis and for our liberation. We were gained with only one idea:

OUR BUSINESS IS RIGHT, WE MUST OVERCOME.

We carried out the same combat, painful, pitiless and bloody in all the languages and this combat is not completed yet. The swastika flags always float. The murderers of our

comrades always live. Our torture sadists run always in complete freedom. The whole world is our witness. This is why, we lend oath on this place of call, this place of the fascistic horror:

We will not abandon the fight until the last one guilty of these crimes is brought before the bar of nations! Our motto is: "The destruction of Nazism with all its roots. The construction of a new world of peace and freedom is our goal."

We all are indebted to our assassinated comrades and to their families.

As a sign of your engagement for this combat, raise the hand to swear and known as after me: I swear it.

Michel Vanderborght

Youth into Hungarian Federation of Resistance Fighters and Antifascists (MEASZ)

During the past decades we have spoken more and more often about the necessity of rejuvenation in our Federation. Our Statute was amended and various civil organizations and individuals, rejected earlier though they confessed antifascists principles, were admitted into the organization. For twelve years now we expect and welcome all those who by means of age could not be considered as resistance fighters, but represent antifascists values. As a result of this slow and tiring process, younger members appeared in the Federation and its leadership.

In 2000 the Federation was able and ready to elect a president much younger than average in the Federation and - with the help of the experience of older members and the participation of younger people— antifascist work gained momentum. New traditions were created, to mention the most outstanding ones: decorations on the occasion of antiracist day, handed over by the President or Vice-President of Parliament in the House of Parliament. More and more young people are among the decorated ones; Conferences, lectures in schools, film clubs organized for the young are successful, as well as the history club and study excursions (most recently to Lidice in the Czech Republic); in October, 2007, a six-month course called „Democracy Academy of MEASZ” was launched with the participation of 26 young people under the age

of 28. The final goal of their study tour will be participation at the youth Mass Meeting in Buchenwald in April 2008, followed by a visit to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Thanks to the assistance of other civil organizations we are able to get into contact with more and more young people. It does not matter if a young girl or boy is not member of our Federation yet. We hope that through such experiences the younger generation will be motivated to step on the road of active participation in the antifascist movement. The Child friend Movement, for example, organized last summer its sixth festival, this time in the Ukraine, in Uzsgorod. It was a highly emotional experience for the children to take part in the torch-light parade and wreath-laying at the Heroes' Monument in the Park of Glory. Young ones, who participated in this ceremony, will, most probably, not end up on the side of neo-fascists and other extreme provocations. We hope that future leaders of the struggle in Hungary against neo-fascism, racism and anti-Semitism, as well as future leaders of our organization are and will be among them. It is obvious, however, that there is still much to do in order to have proper representation of younger generations in our Federation.

Organization-political report of the executive committee

Given to the XIV regular congress of FIR

October 2007, Athens

1. Situation of the organization

In June last year we have committed in a ceremony in Brussels the 55th anniversary of establishment of the International Federation of Resistance fighters (FIR). In these past decades the organization experienced important high points, but had to accept - particularly in the latest decades - also some setbacks. Especially the dissolution of the full-time structures limited the capacity to act of the federation. However an living organization is to be received and developed successfully despite small financial and personnel capacities. Up-to-date more than 50 organizations and federations from 24 European countries and Israel belong to FIR. Thus we are the largest international organization of former fighters against fascism, deported and pursuits of the Nazi regime and anti-fascist of today's generations.

2. Opening of the organization

Three years ago our international federation stood before a crucial step. We had to secure the political capacity to act of FIR also in 21st century. It concerned a change of the bases of our organization, by the statutory opening of FIR with the result that later born ones, who were not direct relatives, could be already members. This step could put our political and historical work of the past 55 years on a new socially broader basis. In the same way as it has been already carried out in different national member federations, thereby we ensured a continuation of the political work despite the shrinking forces of the witness generation. We had particularly to experience in the phase of political changing in central and Eastern European countries that a strong defence of the social and political interests of the former fighters for liberation of their countries from the fascist barbarism and retaining the memory of the women and

men of resistance and pursuit is not possible without resurrect new fellow combatants of the today's generations. To that extent we made an important step of the continuity of the organization with this step of the amendment of the statute.

3. Clear political articulation

It is naturally important that an organization exists not only for their sake, but that it takes position in accordance to its possibilities to the political questions of the time. We designated the central political questions and tasks together in the new statute. And to several of these topic fields we articulated us and contributed politically in the past three years to clarifying political positions of the FIR thus both in relation to the public and in relation to the member federations. Of great importance and international resonance appropriate our political explanation about the increasing danger of extremely right forces in Europe. Our description of situation, the demands and the appeals to initiatives on European level have been heard very well. I would not like to state now that our appeal alone released certain activities. But undisputed we designated a central political problem and gave orientations, which pointed out directly the socially necessary.

Likewise clear effects obtained our statements against the monument violating in the Estonian Tallinn. On our first explanation we received an answer of the Estonian Embassy. Our second explanation was internationally spread, not alone in Europe, also in Australia could find one this explanation.

Not every political statement had such a resonance. It was important nevertheless that we expressed ourselves too. Our topics were among other things:

- the day of liberation - 8.Mai 1945 - day of the victory

- the aggravation of the political suspense in the Middle East,
- the 60th Anniversary of the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal,
- the anticommunist raid in the Council of Europe,
- the opening of archives of the international tracing service in Bad Arolsen,
- the Holocaust - denying in the historical-revisionist conference in Teheran.

The political public experienced thereby in the past years that the voice of the International Federation of Resistance fighters (FIR) - Association of Anti-fascists can be heard clearly.

4. Argument around mention in VS report

Whether was this result of the revitalization of our organisational structures or only the fact that some secret service co-workers did not leave the contactor ditches of the cold war yet. Anyhow it has been fact that the "protection of the constitution" (Verfassungsschutz) of the German Federal Republic believed in the year 2005 to have to mention the FIR in their report under "left-wing extremist efforts". That there was no content wise reason for this mention, but only the fact that the Secretary-General of the FIR is at the same time one of the federal speakers of the VVN - BdA, underlines the groundlessness of the political denunciation. Fortunately however a broad political solidarity movement began in Germany, in Europe and world-wide that the Federal Ministry of the Interior in the following years did this report without a mention of FIR.

I would like to thank again all federations, partners and political friends of the FIR, which contributed to this result in this connection.

As outstanding examples of the solidarity I would like to emphasize exemplary three examples from different parts of the world:

A demonstration of former resistance fighters and anti-fascists in breeding heat before the German embassy in Athens gave special impression – just into the German ministry of the Interior. The German Ambassador had to insure the demonstrators that no

reference points would actually be present over left-wing extremist efforts of the organization and the Secretary-General. Likewise a great example of the international solidarity was the explanation of Venezuela president Hugo Chavez on the occasion of the large demonstration of the international festival of the youth and student in Caracas.

And even in New Zealand the German embassy had to sound itself criticism at this politics of the German ministry of the Interior. These examples show in all clarity that the FIR is an alive and recognized part of the international network of democratic organizations and federations.



Moscow 2005: President Michel Vanderborght, Vice-president Vilmos Hanti, General Secretary Dr. Ulrich Schneider met UN- General Secretary Kofi Annan

5. Acknowledgment within the public range and at member organizations (invitations to meetings)

This aliveness and acceptance points itself also in the grown number of invitations to the FIR to commemoration ceremonies, conferences of national member federations or to international conferences to our political topics. Some these invitations I would like to emphasize here, because they describe the variety and validity of the contacts. Participation

- in the celebrations to 60th anniversary of the victory, Moscow, 9 May 2005
- at the world congress of the World Veterans Federation (FMAC/ WVF) in Kuala Lumpur, December 2006

- at the world festivals of the youth and student in Caracas,
- at the international Dimitroff - conferences in Bulgaria
- at the international conference Budapest April 2005
- in international ceremonies for the liberation of the Concentration camps
- in the past years it came to numerous meetings, POAO - conference in Athens with Balkans organizations,
- attendance into Cyprus, in Israel and on the Balkans by our vice-president,
- the impressive meeting on the occasion of 50th anniversary of the Russian and/or Soviet committee of war veterans and veterans of the military service,
- and in the early summer this year the attendance of our president into Italy with ANPI.

The list could be continued. Unfortunately our personnel capacities and partly also the financial means were not sufficient, in order to accept all invitations. We apologize for it with the federations and hope that in the next years here an "improvement" becomes possible.

6. Aliveness for today's generations – Conferences in Brussels 2006 and 2007

According to our statute we recorded that between the congresses that take place every three years, annual conventions of the FIR have to take place. This is a high requirement, makes nevertheless such conferences similar much work, as the execution of a congress. In the report period we could - connected with political partners in the European parliament - initiate two conferences, which were occupied with the questions of the political work of anti-fascist organizations and with the role of the youth in anti-fascist acting in Europe.

The first conference "60+1 Year anti-fascism in Europe" we accomplished together with the parliamentary group GUE/NGL in the European parliament in May 2006. About 70 delegated from more than 20 countries of Europe, Israel and the USA participated in it.

We discussed about increasing right-wing populism in many European countries, about refugee politics and other forms of social exclusion and their effects for the political upswing of extremely right forces, as well as about the dangers, out of the imperial war politics of the USA and the results for the European Union and individual members of the Union.

In the view were also the ideological and political attacks on anti-fascism, as one can experience them in different countries of Europe. The subject has been the political delegitimation, social went and the establishing of "new" historical pictures. In addition, one reported the acting of our anti-fascist federations against Neo-fascism, racism, anti-Semitism and historical revision. Articles of this conference could be published in this year as book in German language.



FIR Meeting in Brussels 2006

In the summer this year happened on initiative of our Hungarian member federation of the FIR in the responsibility of the PSE - parliamentary group an youth-oriented conference in the European parliament. The representatives of the leading committee of FIR could report there, invited have been young delegated ones from member federations of the FIR. The resonance in this case were not so intensive, but the contributions and discussions underlined on the content wise level, to which extent succeeded to open the anti-fascist structure of the FIR for the today's generations.

Many political discussions and new contacts resulted for us from this conference. Both conferences and further inquiries underlined the grown attractiveness of the FIR for young anti-fascists clearly in the past years. This remains also in the future an emphasis of our work and the planned

youth meeting in April 2008 we understand as important contribution in this sense.

7. EC as a work committee

To a political report belongs also to statements about the work of the leading committees of our organization. Unfortunately our organization achieved the sad message of the death of our elected vice-president Vladimir Werewkin - Rachalski briefly after the congress in Berlin. This led - apart from other causes - to the fact that the working contact to our Russian member federation was reduced sometimes. Basing of not recognizable reasons, contacts came off, a participation in different meetings were not possible.

After the impressing meeting for the day of the victory 2005 and from cause of 50th anniversary of the Soviet committee of war veterans the connections could be attached again more closely. The Russian committee accepted our invitation to occupy the vacant place of the vice-president with colonel general Anatoli Bogdanow. Thus the leading committee is again fully occupied.

As intended in the statutes and as politically necessarily the executive committee met regularly for the consultation of the work and for the planning of next action steps. The conferences took part in Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Budapest, Moscow and Prague. From work -, time and cost reasons we strove successfully to accomplish the conferences in connection with international meetings and conferences. Thus we could reduce the costs of these work meetings to a minimum.

A sad chapter is the development of our honour presidency. With large agreement on the last congress nine comrades were appointed members in the honour presidency. Up to today regrettably six of them deceased. It concerns Avraham Cohen, Kurt Julius Goldstein, Army general Vladimir Goworow, Alixe Lhote, Joop Smidt and

Nikos Terzoglu. We render them our political honour, by exerting ourselves in their sense and in retaining their legacy for the continuation of the work of the FIR.

8. The work of the office

To a political report also belong some references to the work of the office in Berlin and the General Secretary. Here it is to concern not enumerating from single activities, but a total evaluation of the work.

Despite all friction losses - particularly in times of increased political tasks of the German member federation - the office works functions satisfyingly. The accessibility and forwarding of inquiries and information are ensured. Sometimes unfortunately the honorary activity of the General Secretary cause temporal delays, if vocational obligations set here temporal limits.

Nevertheless a large number of correspondences with member federations and interested could be settled by the office and/or from the Secretary-General. The absence of a network of translators on honorary basis makes however our contact by letters with the member federations more difficult.

To positively emphasize is the fact that we - despite smaller delays - succeeded to establish a regular quarterly news sheet in three languages (FIR-News). Naturally this offer is still improvable. Also I would wish myself that from the member federations still more current reports and report for this circular were received. But altogether the bulletin shows however the aliveness of the FIR and their member federations also 55 years after the establishment of the organization.

Dr. Ulrich Schneider, General Secretary

The anti-fascist internationalist Ernst Melis is dead.

With deep mourning we must report the death of our comrade Ernst Melis. He died at the age of 98 years on August 31, 2007 in Berlin. Ernst Melis was a chairman for many years of the anti-fascist federation DRAFD "Germans in the Résistance, into the armed forces of the anti-Hitler coalition and the movement > Free Germany<", which had originated in 1992 as the first all-German organization of East and West German anti-fascists. Still in the year 2005 Ernst Melis had carried ensuring that the DRAFD became regular member in the FIR.

March 5, 1909 in Kassel born, Ernst Melis grew in the workers' movement, learned turner and became member in the KJVD. Already 1932 accused of activity in the military apparatus of the KPD, he was looked for 1933 because of "preparation to the high treason" of the Gestapo. He fled into the unlawfulness, then in the exile: The Netherlands, France, and Soviet Union. In Prague he published 1937 the German people newspaper, the same he did finally in Paris. There Melis was one of the important persons in the surrounding field of the foreign line of the KPD. After the assault of the fascist troops he followed the French Résistance, starting from autumn 1943 in the groups of CALPO - Comité Allemagne Libre pour l'Ouest -, the committee free Germany for the west. He acquired himself respect, which the decades outlasted.

1947 he returned to Germany. He went into the SBZ, where he transferred important functions in the later years in the political-ideological work of the SED. After the vocational retirement he was active in the committee of the anti-fascist resistance fighters of the GDR. We lose a convinced internationalist in the anti-fascist motion with Ernst Melis.

His relatives and his political friends in the DRAFD we would like to express our deep condolence.

Obituary for Kurt Goldstein, member of the honour presidency of FIR (1914 – 2007)

In deep mourning we must admit to give that on 24 September 2007 after short illness Kurt Julius Goldstein, honorary president of VVN -BdA, honorary chairman of the International Auschwitz Committee, member of the honour presidency of the FIR, Spain fighters, Auschwitz and Buchenwald prisoner deceased at the age of 93 years in Berlin.

As resistance fighter Kurt Goldstein after liberation stood up for a social and really democratic society, in which fascism and war become never again possible.

Kurt Goldstein was connected many decades as a journalist, as a political secretary and as a witness of the time with the work of the International Federation of Resistance fighters (FIR). As a "chairman by seniority" he opened the 13th regular congress of FIR in Berlin in November 2004, on which an opening of FIR for the today's generations was decided.

With his death the international anti-fascist movement loses one of the famous guidance figures of the resistance against the German fascism, who did everything in his power until the last day to remind of the crimes of the Hitler regime and warn of a reviving of fascism.

The German member federation VVN – Association of Antifascists and the international Auschwitz Committee lose one of their most important representatives with the death of Kurt Goldstein. Our deep sympathy applies for his wife Margot and all relative.

Hungary – danger of paramilitary organization

The Hungarian party of the extreme rights founded a paramilitary organization called "Hungarian Guard", as a reminder of the Nazis. MEASZ was among the first to protest most sharply.

We managed to focus public opinion on the dangers of this action. On September 1, the 68th anniversary of the outbreak of world war II, MEASZ organized a demonstration

lasting seven hours, where public figures, artists, representatives of parties and civil organizations, the survivors of the Holocaust, groups (homosexuals, Jews, gypsies, etc.), persecuted by Nazism, as well as foreigners living in Hungary condemned the Hungary Guard and all manifestations of Neo-fascism in Hungary.

Explanation that the League of Hungarian anti-fascists (MAL) and the Federation of Hungarian resistance fighters and anti-fascist (MEASZ) from cause of renewed violating of the honour mark for the Soviet soldiers at the Szabadság Tér (liberty place)

The Hungarian society gets accustomed slowly to the fact that in our country neo-fascist provocations become everyday.

1. In Hungary can organize themselves right-wing extremists, neo-Nazi tables and fascist grouping freely. The social liberal coalition is unable from political cowardice and myopia to make effective steps against the political organizations of the neo-Nazis and new "Pfeilkreuzler".

2. The coalition was not able to uncover neither the causes nor the social danger of these features.

3. In dismaying way the president of the republic, László Sólyom, and also the point of the parliamentary opposition are silent, while we could observe a whole row of neo-fascist provocations in the past months

comparably those the Hungarian guard in such a way specified.

4. Obviously the necessary determination is missing to the police, in order to stop the anti-constitutional forces.

5. The Hungarian parliament is unable to create such a clear legal situation in which the police can stop the neo-fascist rioters.

6. It is the obligation of the government of the Hungarian Republic - in conformity with regulations and spirit of Paris peace treaty – to prevent neo-fascist activities and to preserve the memory of the world war coalition.

We protest! And we continue collecting the anti-fascist forces of the Hungarian society and organizing the social resistance of the human.

Racist force increases in Europe

The number of racist motivated acts of violence increased according to the European Union agency for the protection of the fundamental rights in at least eight of 27 European Union member states. Also discriminations and chance inequality on the job market are in Europe an everyday reality, explained the in March created European agency before the European parliament in Brussels.

"Racist force and discriminations are growing in some parts of the European Union ", is called it in the report of the agency. By a

rise within the past six years therefore above all eight countries were concerned, among them Germany, France, Great Britain and Poland. In Denmark the number of racist motivated acts of violence rose comparing to the year 2000 even by 136 per cent.

In Austria, Sweden and the Czech Republic the situation improved against it. In Germany there were 18.142 announced incidents with racist background in the past year. In Great Britain, which has the most

detailed statistics, there were 57.902, as is implemented in the report.

A complete overview is not possible however, since many governments made only insufficient data available. Five member

states would have no relevant statistics, explained the European agency as the protection of the fundamental rights. The authority resident in Vienna continues the work of the European observation post for racism and xenophobia (EUMC). (AP)

Meeting Oskar Wiesflecker (Member of honour presidency) with Vice-president Vilmos Hanti

June 2007 delegated of the Austrian KZ – Verband and the Hungarian MEASZ met near the Austrian-Hungarian boarder.

While they had a political discussion about common tasks a cordial meeting of Oskar Wiesflecker, member of honour presidency of FIR, and Vilmos Hanti, Vice-president of FIR took place.

The debates were about the work of FIR and the preparation of the 14th regular congress of the Austrian KZ-Verband end of September 2007 in Vienna.



The memory of Endre Sagvari's disgraced again

MEASZ was shocked to learn that the Supreme Court acquitted the gendarme-detective who in 1944 shot Endre Sagvari, an outstanding antifascist, to death in a gun-battle. The judge argued that the detective – condemned to death after the war – had acted in accordance with the law. Such

an argumentation was and is an encouragement and acquaintance for all right-wing Nazi actions. These forces of the extreme right have recently destroyed Sagvari's memorial plaque. MEASZ organized public donations and restored the plaque, - destroyed again by right-wing elements.

Meeting in Tirana

On occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishing of the Albanian anti-fascist association the organization of veterans of the people's liberation movement invited FIR to their commemorative event.

Vilmos Hanti, Vice-president of FIR took part and delivered the greetings of FIR.

In the following debates an arrangement between the Albanian anti-fascists and FIR was made. The organization of veterans of the people's liberation movement will participate as a delegation at the 14. regular congress of FIR in Athens.



European Youth on the rail of democracy and freedom

Sunday April 13, 2008, more than 1000 young people of 17-18 years, coming from all over Europe, will gather at the Monument of Buchenwald to mark their attachment with the values of the Democracy and to say together "No to Fascism", the racism and the ideas of extreme right which threaten our Europe to become about it.

It is to mark the year of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights adopted by UNO in 1948 that all these young people will come to bear witness of respect to their elder of the concentration camp of Buchenwald at the time of the official commemorations from the liberation of the camp. For the occasion two special trains will be chartered for the station of Weimar (5 km of Buchenwald): one coming from Brussels, capital of Europe, the other from Moscow. The two trains will take along each one more than 300 young people as well as the old resistant fighters and former prisoners of CC Buchenwald, Dora, Dachau and other Nazi - concentration camps.

The train of Brussels will include Belgians, of course, but also of the French, as well as around fifty young students of the European schools which will represent all nationalities of the European Union. Moreover delegations coming from Greece, of Italy, of Hungary, of Denmark and a heap of other countries will be present. On the spot, the young people come from the four corners of Ger-

many will accommodate their counterparts of the other countries, wanting to show by there that Europe of tomorrow will be never again that which our fathers knew.

Except the official ceremony at the Monument on Sunday, many activities are envisaged: the organizers, the Institute of the Veterans in Belgium and the FIR prepare a program of several days allowing the visit of the camps of Buchenwald, the visit of Dora with its tunnels, as well as meeting-debates between young people and time witnesses, but also between young people. In addition, the probable visits of Weimar and Erfurt will be also setting-up.

By the circumstance and to allow those which live far from taking part in the event, the organizers reserved certain numbers of places in the youth hostels of Thuringia. Housing with breakfast, buffet packet at midday and evening meal is proposed at the price of 25 € per person and day. The town of Weimar which accommodated the project with enthusiasm was requested to organize transport between Youth hostels and sites.

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