

**Working Record
of the Session of 26 October 1956**

Present: Bulganin, Voroshilov, Kaganovich, Malenkov, Molotov, Saburov, Brezhnev, Khrushchev, Zhukov, Shvernik, Furtseva, Pospelov, Yudin.
From the CC of the Chinese Communist Party – Comrade Liu Shaotsi.

<p>Exchange of opinions about the situation in Poland and Hungary.</p> <p>The continuation of the Session of 26 X at 20:00. The discussion of Comrade Mikoyan and Suslov’s information.</p> <p>Three copies {are with} Comrades Brezhnev, Shepilov and Furtseva.</p>	<p>The point about Rokossovsky – the main one (Comrade <u>Liu Shaotsi</u>). Gomulka is allowing excesses.</p> <p>Comrades Shepilov, Brezhnev, Furtseva – study.</p> <p>In the <u>VPSH</u> ASK IGOR the Hungarian workers study (126 p[eo]pl[e]). Give them the information. Instruct them, carry on the work. Do not set them against the Directory and the CC, but say that there is vacillation in the CC. Gather them – with the participation of the Ambassador of Hungary and the soldiers (in school) and then send them there (to Hungary). Gather the students and inform them (according to institutes of higher education) – may be along with the Ambassador. Carry out the work.</p>
<p>Regarding the situation in Hungary.</p>	<p>Comrade Bulganin. Comrade Mikoyan’s position is wrong, an ambiguous one, he is not helping the Hungarian leaders to finish with the duality. Maintain a firm line.</p> <p>Comrade Molotov. Shares in Comrade Bulganin’s opinion. Set a limit, instruct Comrade Mikoyan on how he ought to act.</p> <p>Comrade Kaganovich. The real ratio of strength is such that it does not correspond with Comrade Mikoyan’s conclusions. Take a firm position. Establish a Military-Rev[olutionary] C[ommittee].</p> <p>Comrade Malenkov. The troops moved in, but the opponent started recovering. Tell Comrade Mikoyan to firmly demand that Nagy establish order.</p> <p>Comrade Zhukov. Comrade Mikoyan is acting incorrectly, he incites capitulation. [Speaks in favour] of a firm line.</p>

Shepilov. It was an extreme step, but a correct one.
Troops - real power.

If we make concessions – they will see it as weakness. A firm line should be taken.

Comrade Furtseva. Comrade Mikoyan, obviously, is wrong about Nagy.

1000 c[onvicts] have been set free.

Comrade Khrushchev. Mikoyan is acting as he said.

Comrade Mikoyan took the position of non-intervention, meanwhile our troops are there.

A new stage – we don't agree with the government.

Send reinforcements – Molotov, Zhukov, Malenkov.

Hegedüs and the others should get into contact.

We need to write an address to our troops.

Prepare the flight.

Reinforce with troops.

Comrades Molotov, Malenkov, Zhukov should fly.

State it fin[ally] later.

Regarding Comrade Mikoyan's trip to Austria.

Postpone.

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