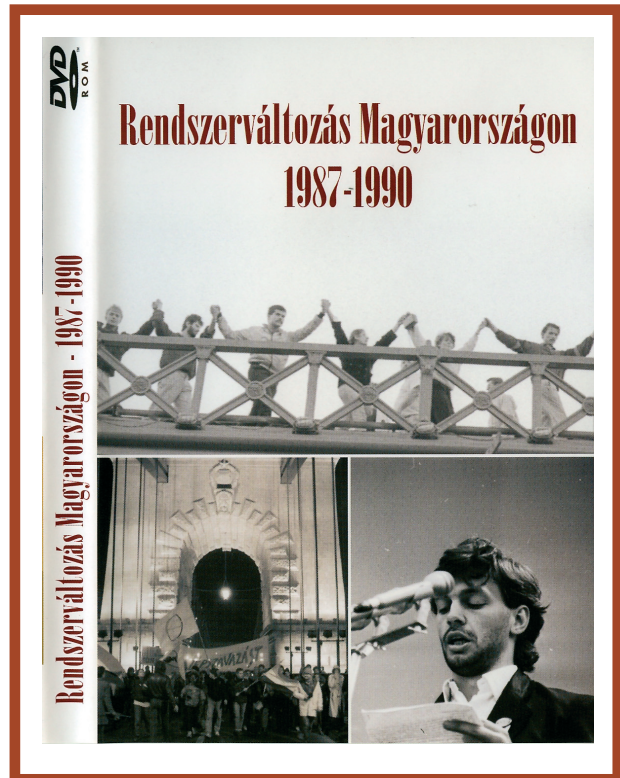
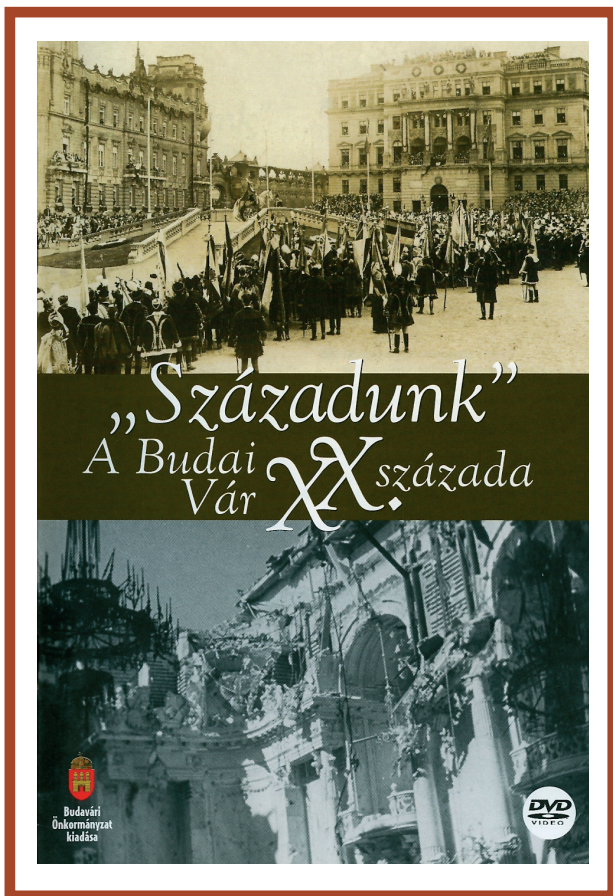


HISTORICAL WITNESSES – ON FILM



In November 2009 the Budavár (Buda Castle) local government brought out an 80-minute DVD film evoking the important moments of the castle's 20th century history, and featuring compilations from the National Library's Collection of Historical Interviews. Entitled *'Our centenary – the 20th century of Buda Castle'*, the DVD inherited many special moments from ancient film recordings; amongst them the Lumiere brothers' recording of the millennium procession and the Chain-Bridge from 1896, Artúr Görgey's visit of Budapest in 1908, the coronation of King Károly (Charles) IV, the Holy Right Hand (of King Saint Stephen) processions during the war, pictures of the siege, and the international press conference of Cardinal József Mindszenty two days after his release from prison in 1956.

Half a year later, and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first free elections after the change of regime, the multimedia DVD *"Change of Regime in Hungary 1987-*



1990" was published by the National Archive, with contributions from the National Széchényi Library's Collection of Historical Interviews. This DVD is primarily aimed at scientific researchers, teachers, lecturers, and students in secondary and tertiary education. Besides the summative study, the detailed chronology and the index, the DVD presents documents from these years of change that were barely explored until now, along with audiovisual archives that the general public hardly knew existed. The DVD contains an interview with János Kádár that was prepared by Finnish Television after his resignation – an interview completely unknown of until now – and his final public speech can also be heard. Alongside the audio recordings made during the sittings of the Political Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Labour Party (MSZMP), the voice of this period's opposition can also be heard via the recordings, interviews, and reports of the BBC and the Free Europe Radio station.

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