

STATEMENTS MADE BY HUNGARIAN PREMIER DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN

At *Komárom*, on 13th May, *Count Teleki* said:
"Ten years ago I knew that the injustice done to us could not last for ever. I also knew that the will to live of the nation would bring about the desired result. I always declared that we must have faith, for to have faith is much better than to yield to despair. During the past twenty years many people yielded to despair. I never did so. When the peace treaty was set before us, and we submitted our answer — first only in generalities and later, after studying it, in a wealth of detail that took two motor-cars to carry — I knew that we had laid the foundations on which fifteen or twenty years later the building of justice would be erected. All we had to do was to have faith.

"Besides faith another factor that gave us strength, that won the respect of the world, was our straightforward speech and our honesty. During my journeys to foreign countries I saw the respect in which we were held. We are not under an obligation to anyone, we are free, and when we offer the hand of friendship, it is done in all sincerity. Faith and honesty: these are the mainsprings of our life, and if we remain true to them, we shall advance much farther in the twenty years to come than we did in the past two decades, of which the first five or six years were like the life of cave-dwellers."

When the elections were over, Count Teleki wrote an article entitled "*The Hungarian Path*". In the opening passages the Premier declared that in good fortune and hard times he had always believed in the force and future of the nation.

"That belief" — continued the Premier — "was not the logic of a private life, not confidence in individual programmes, but faith in the nation, in the forces latent in our soil and our people, faith in the common sense of our people and in their abilities. A belief, therefore, that, without any programme or instructions, our people, of their own strength and spiritual depths, would always find the way to ensure their own and their country's continued existence and development; and these spiritual depths are what may be termed an inherited psychological and natural sense of balance; politically and socially speaking, they are what we know as the Hungarian Constitution and the Hungarian form of life as we live it."

"The Hungarian people" — says Count Teleki in another part of his article — "realized that economic reforms can never be separated from social ones and that the better standard of life, above all the Hungarian life desired by all — our prosperity, our strength, and the preservation of our ancient liberty — depended less on laws and statutes than on brotherly love. The nation also realized that reforms had to be well considered. Surely this is why they voted so loyally for the Party to which I belong and for myself, who in all my speeches have always witnessed to my adherence to Hungarian legal continuity and our ancient Constitution. This loyalty imposes serious obligations on my Parliamentary Party."