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HUNGARIAN-CANADIAN RELATIONS

The Canadian Government was requested on January 30 by the Hungarian Government to withdraw a member of the Canadian consular office in Budapest on the grounds that the competent Hungarian authorities considered that he had engaged in activities incompatible with his diplomatic status. This charge has no foundation in fact and can only have been made for the purpose of retaliation against the expulsion from Canada, earlier in January, of a Hungarian diplomat who had been engaged in activities which were incompatible with his diplomatic status. The Canadian Government considers that, in the interests of national security, it would be undesirable to expand on the reasons for expulsion of the Hungarian diplomat in question. It is regretted that the action of the Hungarian Government will occasion a temporary dislocation of Canadian visa facilities in Budapest. This is an entirely unnecessary impediment to relations between the two countries.