

Preface

Exactly a decade ago, plans were made for the establishment of a North American review of Hungarian studies. Approximately the same time but independent of the above action, a campaign was started for the collection of funds to endow a chair of Hungarian studies at a Canadian university. The result of the former effort was the launching of our journal in 1974, while the outcome of the fund-raising drive was the establishment of the University of Toronto's programme of Hungarian studies four years later. In 1981, these two undertakings have officially joined hands, inaugurating what will hopefully be a lasting and fruitful cooperation in the service of Hungarian studies on this continent and elsewhere.

To mark this occasion we have published a special volume of our journal and have made a number of changes in its appearance. These include a new title. Hungarian Studies Review is meant to eliminate the awkwardness of our original masthead. It also signifies our belief that we are now ready to shed our geographic limitation and assume the task of serving the interest of Hungarian studies wherever English is a recognized language of scholarly communication. While undertaking these changes, we should stress that we will continue the old policy of providing room in our journal to a variety of scholarly approaches and interpretations.

The mutually beneficial character of cooperation between our journal and the University of Toronto's Chair of Hungarian Studies is indicated by the fact that most of the papers in the first part of this special volume derive from a conference which was held at the University of Toronto on May 15-17 in 1980.

This gathering, the first of its kind at a Canadian university, was co-sponsored by the University of Toronto, the Multicultural History Society of Ontario and the American Hungarian Educators' Association. It is hoped that such conferences will be repeated periodically in the future, and our journal will serve as a regular forum for their proceedings.

Cooperation between the Review and Toronto's Chair of Hungarian Studies will bring some changes in our editorial and financial affairs. Starting with 1981 the Review will have an

editorial office, complete with an editorial assistant and office equipment. Through this office it gains affiliation with a university of international renown. This change will also mean a slight reduction of our financial burden, as the expenses of the editorial office, including the salary of the editorial assistant, will be born by the University of Toronto's Chair of Hungarian Studies. The printing and distributing costs of our journal will continue to be the responsibility of the Hungarian community through the Hungarian Reader's Service Inc. of Ottawa. Nevertheless, we believe that, with our new affiliation it will be easier to obtain outside support as well, especially for special projects as this one. Indeed, help has been received for the launching, publishing and advertising of this particular special volume: grants had been made available for the holding of the 1980 Hungarian studies conference by the University of Toronto and the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, and a publication grant has been obtained from the Department of the Secretary of State's Multiculturalism Directorate. Without these grants, this volume would not have been possible, and we are grateful to all of our benefactors for their generous support. We would also like to thank all those individuals who have helped, with their work, advice and encouragement, in the holding of the 1980 conference and in the editing and publishing of this volume.

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