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The Hungarian literary historiography has so far only partially explored the relationship between the Hungarian Soviet Republic and the literary-cultural modernity. It has failed to clarify how far the representatives of progress turned away from the political revolution in the last days of the Republic, and how the creative intelligentsia ended up in “no man's land” between the political left and right. Without this we cannot, however, understand how the “Westernizer” and avant-garde modernity and the populist directions could critically address the problems of the country led by the regenerating right in the 1920s and 1930s, and how they found their way back to the programs of political progress. The article grasps the starting point of the tense social-political and cultural developments, which ran parallel to each other: the process of detachment and the subsequent story of (controversial) rapprochement ..... 50

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The Hungarian Soviet Republic was not the nadir of the national culture but it was an integral part of it: its democratic aims and results are even today timely. György Lukács, who was a people's commissar in the council government, formulated the credo of the Hungarian Soviet Republic as the following: “Culture and education must constitute a link between people and not a principle, which triggers social stratification and the separation of distant castes” ..... 67

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