

I. Aims of Research

My aim is to participate in a cooperative venture in which I would be the co-author of a book entitled: Hungary in the Late Middle Ages, 1386-1526. The other author is Prof. Joseph Held, Associate Dean, Rutgers University. (See attached letter with outline describing the areas covered by each contributor.) Both Prof. Held and I have spent extended time in Europe doing research in the archival sources pertinent to our project. Our objective is to produce a book of about 180-200 pages which could be used as a text in University courses dealing with East Central Europe. At this time there is nothing available in English which covers this phase of history and thus our work would be able to fill a major need. Chronologically the period which would be covered by me would be the political history of Hungary from 1458 to 1526, as well as the intellectual and artistic developments from 1386 to 1526, i.e. the flowering of Late Medieval culture and the beginnings of the Renaissance in Hungary.

II. Background of Information.

The need for a scholarly study dealing with the Late Middle Ages in Hungary in a western language has been recognized for some time. In response to this need, Prof. C. A. Macartney of Cambridge University wrote his study The Magyars in the Ninth Century. Cambridge University Press, 1930. A few years later Dr. B. Homan of the University of Budapest wrote his classic Geschichte des ungarischen Mittelalters, Vol. I-II, Berlin, 1943. These volumes cover the history of Hungary up to the fourteenth century. The book Dr. Held and I are writing would in essence complement as well as continue the work of Macartney and Homan and would carry

the events up to 1526, the date which marks the destruction of the Hungarian state by the Ottoman Turks.

In October of 1981, Prof. Held and I met at a historical conference and finalized plans for writing the volume. (See attached letter). The Coordinator of the project will be Dr. J. Bak, Professor of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada. Since the inception of the plan we have frequently consulted with each other and Prof. Held has contacted several major academic publishers who seem interested in the project.

III. Current efforts on project.

At the present I am in the process of finishing a major monograph of about 600 typed pages entitled: The Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary: Political and Cultural History in the Age of Matthias Corvinus. (Completion date September 1982. This volume, which has been accepted for publication, covers the period 1450 to 1490. It is aimed at a highly specialized audience, has extensive critical apparatus and bibliography.

One of the major tasks in writing my section of the volume Hungary in the Late Middle Ages would be to summarize and synthesize the material presented in the above mentioned monograph, making it available to a non specialist reading audience since the projected volume is intended as a college text.

The period 1458-1490 has been my area of research for the last fifteen years. I have read numerous papers and published articles dealing with the political and cultural history of Hungary during this period.

Please see attached list of publications. Items marked with red are relevant to this project.

IV. Project Plan.

All archival research in the major primary sources for the project has been done. Six months spent in Europe in 1979 enabled me to lay the groundwork for this undertaking.

There are three phases of work which I plan to follow:

1. Political history of the period 1458-1490.

Using my monograph Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary as the basis, I would be able to complete this phase of my work quite quickly.

2. Political history of the period 1490 to 1526.

Primary sources and archival material have been consulted. Secondary sources are either in my possession or are accessible through Inter-library Loan. This second phase would require the most of my time.

3. Cultural history 1386-1526.

Most of my publications have been in the history of intellectual currents and cultural growth. I am very much at home with the material and therefore writing this phase of the volume would not require excessive amount of new research.

The following deadlines have been developed:

First Draft: September 1, 1983

Editorial Conference: October, 1983

Final text December 31, 1983

All these projections are based upon the assumption that a Research Professorship would enable me to devote major blocks of time to this project during the 1982-1983 academic year. I need time!

V. Pertinent bibliography.

A. Select bibliography of primary sources:

- S. Katona, ed., Historia critica regnum Hungariae, 1440-1526, Vols. VI-XII, Budapest, 1790-1793.
- V. Fraknoi, ed., Monumenta Vaticana historiam regni Hungariae illustrantia 1458-1490, Budapest, 1891.
- V. Fraknoi, ed., Matyas kiraly levelei [The Letters of King Matthias] Vol. I-II, Budapest, 1893-1895.
- A. Nyari-I. Nagy, Diplomaciai emlekek Matyas kiraly korabol [Diplomatic Documents from the Age of King Matthias] Vol. I-IV, Budapest, 1884-1888.
- J. G. Schwandtner, Scriptores rerum Hungaricarum, Vol. I, Vienna, 1766.
- A. Bonfini, Rerum Ungaricarum Decades, Frankfort, 1581 also modern edition in 4 vols. Budapest, 1974. (Have both.)
- D. Markus, ed., Corpus Juris Hungarici, 1000-1526. Budapest, 1899.
- J. de Thurocz, Chronica Hungarorum [Monumenta Hungarica, I] Budapest, 1957.

B. Select bibliography of secondary sources.

- J. Teleki, A Hunyadiak kora Magyarorszagon [The Age of the Hunyadi in Hungary]. Vol. II-XII, Budapest 1852-58.
- D. Csanki, Magyarország történelmi földrajza a Hunyadiak korában [The Historical Geography of Hungary in the Age of the Hunyadi], Vol. I-V, Budapest, 1890-1913.
- V. Fraknoi, Matthias Corvinus, konig von Ungarn, Freiburg i. Br., 1892.
- I. Lukinics, Matyas kiraly emlekkönyv [Commemorative Volume for King Matthias], Vol. I-II, Budapest, 1940.
- T. Kardos, A Magyarországi humanizmus kora [The Age of Humanism in Hungary], Budapest, 1955.
- J. Balogh, A művészet Matyas kiraly udvarában (The Arts at the Court of King Matthias), Vol. I-II, Budapest, 1966.
- C. Csapodi-K. Csapodi-Gardonyi, Bibliotheca Corviniana. The Library of King Matthias Corvinus of Hungary. Budapest, 1969.
- K. Nehring, Matthias Corvinus, Kaiser Friedrich III und das Reich, Munchen, 1975.

VI. No special facilities would be needed to carry out the project. I have in my own private collection all the major primary and secondary sources as well as Xerox copies of articles, documents on microfilm, etc. . . . I would need no equipment or any further help from Youngstown State University.

VII. Budgeted resources--not applicable.

VIII. A. Applicants publications:

Please see attached sheets.

B. Grants:

Fulbright Research Grant, University of Vienna, 1963-1964. Project: History of Medieval Universities in Hungary.

American Council of Learned Societies--Social Science Research Council, Senior Scholar Grants (IREX)

1. Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1970-1971 (10 months)

Project: The Renaissance in Hungary 1458-1490.

2. Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1973 (3 months)

Project: Latin and Vernacular Literature in 15th Century.

3. Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1979 (6 months)

Project: The Jagellonian Age, 1490-1526.

Graduate Research Council Grants, Youngstown State University, 1968-1970, 1972-1975, 1981.

VIII. Publications:

Editor-in-Chief: Studium Generale: Studies Offered to A. L. Gabriel, University of Notre Dame, 1967, pp. 254.

"The Sigismundean Foundation of the University of Óbuda," Text and Studies in the History of Medieval Education, XI, (1967), pp. 1-34.

"The Polish Astronomer Martinus Bylica de Ilkusz in Hungary," The Polish Review, XII (1968), pp. 71-79.

Reprinted in: Magyar Történelmi-Szemle (Hungarian Historical Review Argentina), I (1970), pp. 45-52.

"The Origins of the University of Pozsony in the Fifteenth Century," The New Review, Journal of East European History, IX (1969), pp. 270-289.

"Vitéz János és Janus Pannonius. A magyar Humanizmus alapítói," (Johannes Vitez and Janus Pannonius; the Founders of Hungarian Humanism, 1472-1972), Kronika, (Cleveland) XI (1972), pp. 114-130.

"Ecclesiastical Patrons as a Factor in the Hungarian Renaissance" The New Review of East European History XIV (1974), pp. 100-116.

"The State of Education in Hungary at the Eve of the Battle of Mohács" Canadian-American Review of Hungarian Studies, II (1975), pp. 3-20.

"Az Óbudai egyetem" (The History of the Foundation of the University of Óbuda), Vigilia, (Budapest), XL (1975), pp. 680-687.

"Commentary on the Universities of Toulouse, Montpellier, Avignon, Orleans and Cracow" The Economic and Material Frame of the Medieval University, ed. A.L. Gabriel [Texts and Studies in the History of Mediaeval Education, No. XV], Notre Dame, 1977 pp. 57-68.

"The History of Higher Education" International Encyclopedia of Higher Education, Vol. V. Jossey-Bass Publishers, Inc., San Francisco, 1977, pp. 2017-2040.

"Janos Vitez, the Father of Hungarian Humanism," 1408-1472, The New Hungarian Quarterly (Budapest), XX (1979), pp. 142-150.

"A Felvilágosodás hatása a korai amerikai egyetemekre" (The influence of the Enlightenment on Early American Universities), Történelmi Szemle, (Budapest), XXXV (1980). pp. 58-70.

Other Work in Progress:

Book: The Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary. Political and Cultural History in the Age of Matthias Corvinus.

A comprehensive study of Hungarian history in the second half of the fifteenth century. This monograph will examine the influence of the Italian Renaissance as well as the continuation of the late Medieval cultural tradition in Hungary. Under consideration by the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. First part of typescript submitted and accepted.

Publications Accepted or Under Contract:

"The Early American Universities and the Enlightenment" Universitates Studiorum, [Etudes présentées par la Commission internationale pour l'histoire des Universités], Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, 1982.

"The Battle of Mohács as a Cultural Watershed" War and Society in East Central Europe, [Brooklyn College Studies on Society and Change, No. 12], Columbia University Press, 1982.

Twelve biographical essays on Hungarian Humanists for The Collected Works of Erasmus, Bibliographical Register, 2 Vols., University of Toronto Press, 1982.

"The Problems of Medieval Hungarian University Foundations," Festschrift in Honor of B. Kiraly, [East European Monographs], Columbia University Press, Dec. 1982.

"Bildung und Wissenschaft in Renaissance Ungarn" Die Humanismus und Renaissance in Ungarn, 1450-1540. Akademie Verlag, Vienna, May 1982.

"The Multi Ethnic Character of the Late Medieval Hungarian State" Transylvania, The Roots of Ethnic Conflict, Kent State University Press, Spring, 1983.

"Mária tisztelet és nemzeti irodalom a keső középkori Magyar-Országon" (Mariology and vernacular literature in late Mediaeval Hungary), Vigilia, (Budapest), XLV (1983)

Articles in preparation for publication:

"Italian Universities and Hungarian Humanism in the Fifteenth Century":

"The Hungarian Royal Chancery 1458-1490. Was it a Center of Humanism?"