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THE AGITATORS

(Agitatorok)

Director: Dezso Magyar

Writers: Dezso Magyar, Gabor Body

Cinematographer: Lajos Koltei

Editor: Vera Selmeczy

Music: Beethoven

Principal Cast: Gabor Body, Peter Dobai, Sandor Oster

Production Co.: Hungarofilm

Export Agent: Hungarofilm, Bathori u. 10, 1054 Budapest,

Hungary, telex: 225768

1969/B&W/82 min.

In Hungarian with English subtitles

Deszo Magyar's *The Agitators* was shown for the first time outside of Hungary at the AFI LA FilmFest in 1988, after having been banned for 19 years. We were very proud to have shown the film at that time, and given the theme of this year's festival, have chosen to present it again, giving the film a chance to be seen alongside other once-banned Eastern European films. It is March, 1919, in Hungary. Due to peculiar historical circumstances, a group of young revolutionaries is given the chance to run the country, to create an ideal Council-Republic for the working classes. The story of their short-lived (90 days) revolution is a metaphor for the student revolutions of 1968. Magyar is currently the Director of the AFI's Center for Advanced Film and Television Studies, and will attend the screening and discuss his film.

