

My fellow Hungarians, Americans and distinguished guests.

Let me congratulate you for being here with us on both a historical day for Hungarian Americans and also a day of remembrance of the tragic and extreme measures brought upon Hungary, 90 years and 2 days ago on June 4, 1920, when the treaty of Trianon was implemented.

Today is historic, because it is the first time we are celebrating National Unity Day, an official holiday of Hungary that was adopted this year. It is important to us, Hungarian Americans, as we feel a sense of togetherness that we can openly share with all Hungarians world-wide, with the support of Hungary.

Today is also a day of remembrance and mourning because almost all people of Hungarian ethnicity and heritage world-wide still experience, to some degree, the extreme measures of the Treaty of Trianon, even today. Many Hungarian Americans have Hungarian relatives, friends or acquaintances that are directly affected by the injustices the Treaty promoted with a large number of us coming from immigrant (refugee) Hungarian families that know first-hand the extreme effects of the Treaty of Trianon.

The Treaty of Trianon was so extreme that Hungary lost over 70% of her territory, and over 30% of her ethnic Hungarian population to Hungary's neighboring countries. Hungary was not involved in the negotiation of the Treaty of Trianon, the U.S. (even as an Entente member who had a voice in the Treaty negotiations) did not the Treaty of Trianon on the basis of its extreme measures.

Overnight, millions of Hungarians unwillingly lost their right to self-determination and became a guilty people in the eyes of most of their new country-men. Even today, it is estimated that over 3 million ethnic Hungarians in Hungary's neighboring countries still suffer from the Treaty of Trianon, where many have their human rights, cultural rights, and right to self-determination marginalized and violated every day, symptoms that occurred as a result of the Treaty's implementation. The unfair stigma of being a guilty people has not worn away.

Another reason why we stand in unity here today, is to show our support for those Hungarians who are treated without the equality they and all citizens of democratic nations deserve. We ask the international community to open and facilitate formal discussions for conflict resolution regarding ethnic Hungarians and to support the growing movement made by Hungary herself to stand up to extremism shown towards ethnic Hungarians. Our hope is that one day ethnic Hungarians everywhere can also experience the unparalleled freedoms and opportunities, we have as American citizens, in their own communities. On the arrival of that day, all Hungarians and supporters of freedom and equality will have a true sense of Unity.

Again, Thank you all for being here today, we are all honored by your presence and hope that you enjoy our program to express our feelings of Unity with Hungarians and supporters of true freedom everywhere.

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