

Superpower Relations – The Hungarian Uprising – Recall Quiz Answers

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- 1. Give one reason the Hungarian people protested in 1956.**

There were food and fuel shortages, a lack of political freedom

- 2. Who replaced Rákosi as leader of Hungary?**

Imre Nagy

- 3. Give one of his reforms.**

Non-communist parties could be part of the government; they would hold free elections; the release of political prisoners.

- 4. Which reform ended Khrushchev's support?**

Nagy announced Hungary would leave the Warsaw Pact.

- 5. Why was Khrushchev so alarmed by this?**

It could lead to other countries, especially, Czechoslovakia and Poland, trying to leave as well.

- 6. How many troops did Khrushchev send to put down the uprising?**

1000 tanks and 200,000 soviet soldiers.

- 7. What happened to the leader of Hungary?**

He was arrested and executed

- 8. What was Radio Free Europe?**

A radio station paid for by the USA which broadcast promises of support to communist nations encouraging them to overthrow their governments.

- 9. What was the West's response to the appeals from the Hungarian people?**

They did not provide any support. They only acted to stop the further spread of communism rather than help governments who were already communist.

- 10. Why did the Hungarian Uprising benefit the USSR in the long term?**

It showed the other Eastern bloc countries that the USSR would act with violence to maintain its control and so acted as a warning.