

A Poem of the Barricades Refuses to Die

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One heady afternoon during the Hungarian Revolution of October-November 1956, I attended an editorial conference of *The Independent (A Magyar Függetlenség)*, the flagship daily of the doomed anti-Soviet insurrection. I was an 18-year old high-school dropout employed on the paper as a cub reporter. József Dudás, our hugely charismatic editor-in-chief, assigned the serious tasks of the day to the senior correspondents. Then he turned to me: "...and what can you contribute to the edition?" [more>>>](#)