

# **The Visit of the Women's Democratic Federation in North Korea during the Korean War**

## **Abstract**

Approximately 5,000 diplomatic documents authored during the Korean War are archived within the Hungarian National Archives. Predominantly constituting these materials are reports exchanged between the Hungarian embassy stationed in North Korea during that period and the headquarters of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Budapest. Notably, amid the Korean War, the Hungarian Women's Democratic Alliance (MNDSz) undertook a significant visit to North Korea in 1951, marking the inaugural occasion where a women's organization from an independent nation journeyed to North Korea during wartime. Within Hungarian diplomatic records, a plethora of reports pertaining to the Hungarian Women's Democratic Alliance's expedition to North Korea can be found. Through the meticulous analysis and interpretation of these materials, we endeavor to delve into the intricacies of the war and the prevailing circumstances concerning women at that juncture. Furthermore, we aspire to incorporate Hungarian newspapers and magazines from the period, which extensively covered this subject matter, as supplementary research materials.