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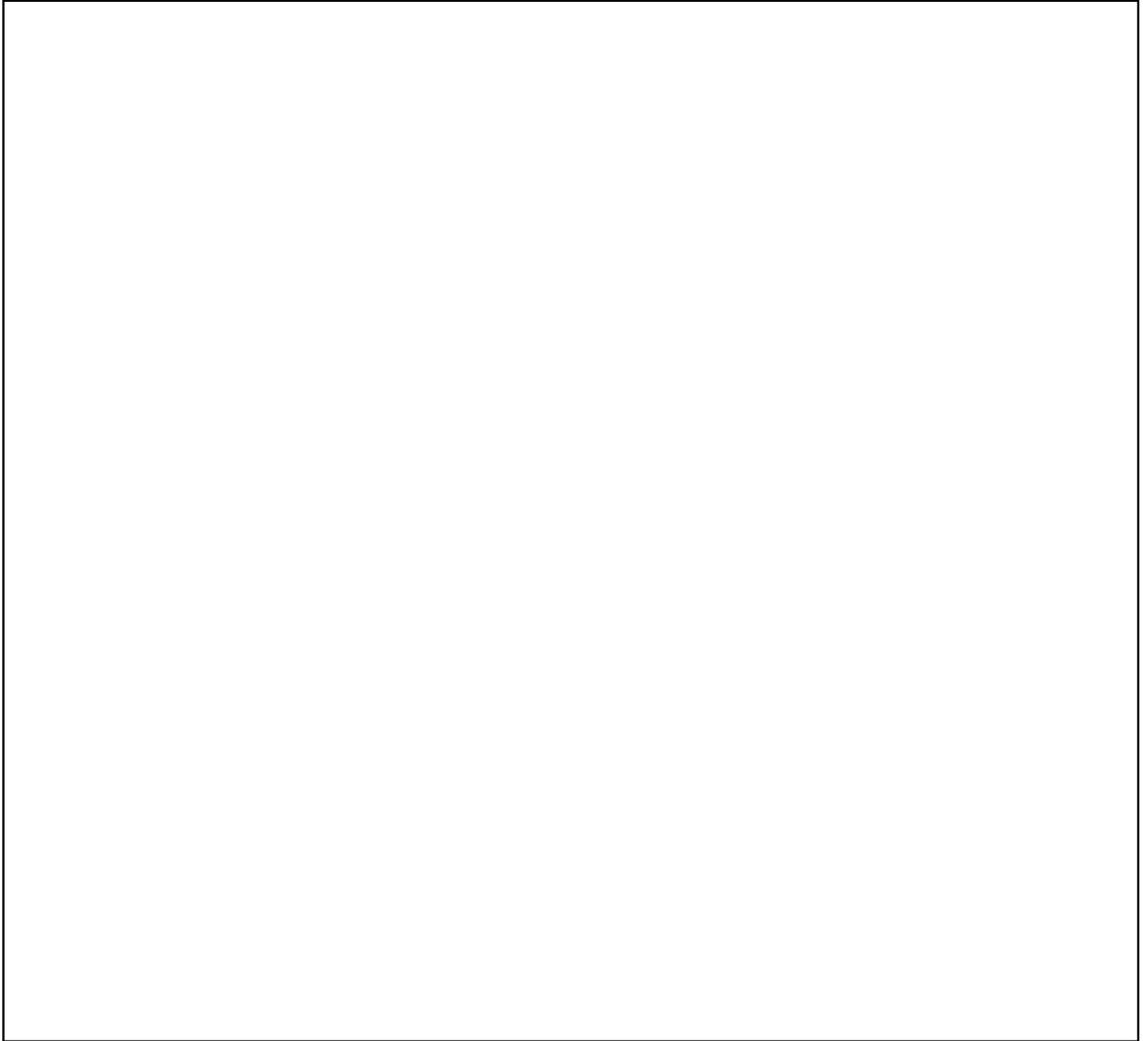
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HUNGARY: New Editor Named

[Redacted] //At a meeting of the party Central Committee last week, the Hungarian Communists appointed the leadership's ideologue, Dezso Nemes, editor in chief of the party daily. The

move appears to be a Hungarian response to Soviet concerns about the ideological challenges posed by Eurocommunism and to the need to launch a propaganda counteroffensive against the US emphasis on human rights.//

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[redacted] //Nemes does not have much political clout, but he is regarded by liberals in the Hungarian party as one of the most conservative and dogmatic members of the leadership. This does not necessarily mean that he is pro-Soviet. Nemes played a prominent role at the World Communist Party Conference in 1969, when he argued forcefully and, according to one Hungarian liberal, "bravely" with Soviet party secretary Ponomarev.//

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[redacted] Nemes succeeds Istvan Katona, one-time speechwriter for party leader Kadar. Katona may again directly assist Kadar.

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[redacted] //The symbolism of Nemes' appointment will not be lost on Hungarian liberals and dissidents or on the USSR. This will be especially true since Gyorgy Aczel, a pragmatist in cultural affairs who was rumored to be in line for promotion at the plenum, did not get a new job.//

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[redacted] The communique from the party meeting did not dwell, however, on ideological themes. It showed a cautious optimism about prospects for the meeting in Belgrade that will review the results of the European security conference, and did not specifically mention US statements on human rights. [redacted]

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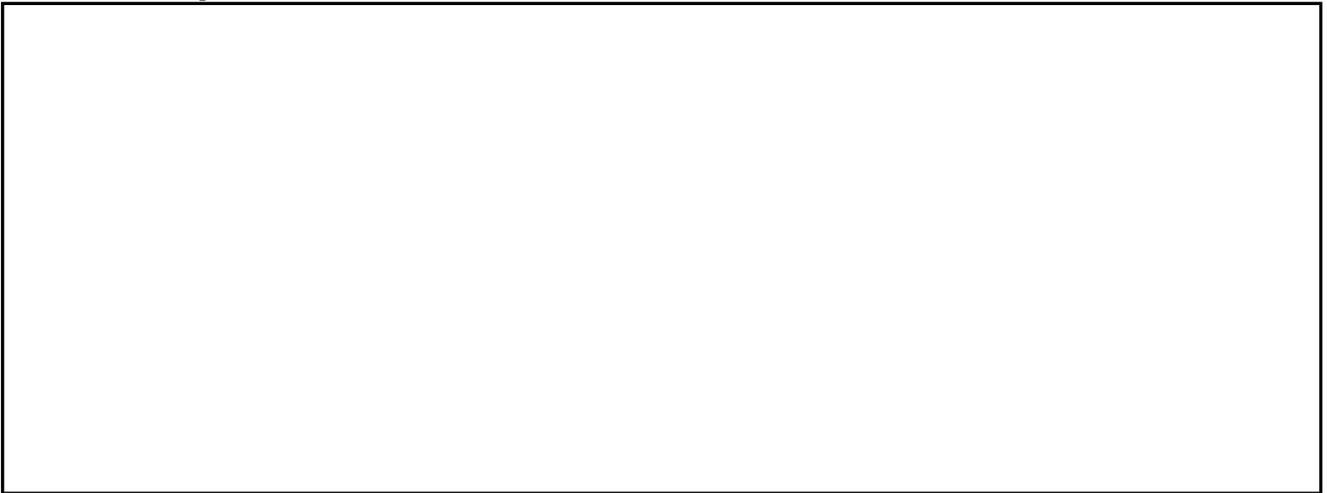
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[redacted] Fighting was reported late last week near Zairian forward positions at Kanzenze and Nasondoye. Zairian units sustained several casualties but apparently were able to evacuate their wounded in an organized manner. Katangan forces apparently are now within 40 kilometers of Kolwezi, one of their chief objectives.

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25X1 [redacted] The new Katangan advance appears to have spurred the
Zairian high command to press Moroccan troops into action. Ac-
25X1 cording to [redacted] the US embassy in Kinshasa, Moroccan com-
manders at first balked at committing troops so soon after their
arrival but were convinced to send nearly a battalion to Kanzenze.
We have no indication that Moroccans have yet been involved in
the fighting.

25X1 [redacted] Scattered fighting was also reported in the West
Kasai region near the border with Shaba. The US embassy reports
that the Zairian air force has moved four ground attack aircraft
to Kananga, the region's major town.



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