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Summary of Information:

1. The Hungarian daily newspaper "Heszava" located at 374 Second Avenue, New York, New York, has recently been sold to a group which includes Tibor Von Eckhardt, Victor Bator and Grant Lajes, the latter a tobacco grower of Virginia. These three individuals allegedly contributed \$100,000 to make the transaction possible. The editorial committee is composed of Zoltan Pfeifer, Editor-in-Chief, Carl Peyer, Ferenc Nagy, (exiled Hungarian statesman), Szegedy Maszak (formerly Ambassador to Washington), Dr. Paul Auer (former Ambassador to Paris) and Tibor Von Eckhardt. The policy of the paper will be predominantly pro-Otto. The circulation is said to be around 16,000, mainly New Yorkers but also read in other parts of the United States.

2. Mr. Gyetvay, formerly the Editor of Magyar Jovo, a newspaper published at 130 E. 16th St., New York City, is presently in Hungary where he allegedly is occupying an important administrative post as Governor of a province.

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