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CHANGES IN CC AND POLITBUREAU

Today, in the early hours of the morning, the Central Committee of the Hungarian Working People's Party held a meeting and decided on far-reaching changes in the Politbureau and the secretariat of the Party. First of all, the Central Committee was increased by five members. The new members are:

Ferenc DUTAK, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who was arrested in 1951.

Geza LOSONCZY, one of the active "show" men. It was he who started the debate at the beginning of October for calling the Stalinists to account.

Georgy LERACE, university professor, divested of his chair during the Stalinist era.

Ferenc KOSZTICH, Ambassador to BELGRADE.

Imre NAGY, re-appointed Minister President.

Far-reaching changes in the Politbureau were announced. Up to now, it had 12 regular and four alternate members. In the early hours of the morning, six regular and two alternate members were debarred, whereas four new regular members were elected in the Politbureau and one alternate member. Members of the new Politbureau:

Antal APFO, member of the Politbureau for the last 11 years, presently, president of the Patriotic People's Front; member of the BELGRADE delegation. At the funeral of RAKI he proclaimed the retribution of the responsible persons.

Endre CASPAR, Chairman of Hungarian Trades Union Council, former Social Democrat. After RAKOSI's fall elected to the Politbureau as alternate member. Recently visited Yugoslavia with the Hungarian Trades Union Council delegation. Was received by TITO.

Erno GERS, First Secretary of the Party since RAKOSI's fall. Responsible for Stalinist economic policy.

Andras NEREDIS, former Minister-President, replaced Imre NAGY. Took part in the BELGRADE negotiations. Supported RAKOSI's neo-Stalinist policy.

János KADAR. Elected to the Politbureau after RAKOSI's fall.

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Was arrested in 1951 and released by Imre NAGY. Headed the delegation of the Hungarian Workers' Party at the Chinese Party Congress. Also went to BELGRADE.

Ozula KALLAI, former Foreign Secretary, was successor to NAGY. He was arrested in 1951, rehabilitated after KADOSI's fall and elected to the Central Committee. At present Deputy Minister of Education. C7

Enroly KISS, elected to the Politbureau after KADOSI's fall. Has a leading role among Communists in Hungary who were pushed into the background after the arrest of NAGY.

Josef KIBOL, new member of the Politbureau, trade unionist. Was recently invited by BUDAPEST university students, together with Gyorgy LELACS and Genn LOZSENYI, to lead discussions in their parliament. Member of the presidium of the Hungarian Trade Union Council. Was elected into the Central Committee in May 1954, during the 'new course,' at the Congress of the Hungarian Workers' Party.

Gyorgy KISSGAN, former Social Democrat. Imprisoned in 1951, released in spring of this year. Was elected into the Politbureau after KADOSI's fall.

Imre NAGY, former Minister-President, again member of the Politbureau. Expelled from the Party in December 1955 and re-elected on October 4. In the early morning hours today asked to occupy the position of Minister-President on the demand of deconstrating masses.

Salton NEMZO, former minister in PARIS. At the time of Imre NAGY premiership, he was the head of the information service. Now head of the Institute of International Cultural Relations. During recent weeks he intensively cultivated Hungarian-Polish connections.

The following members were excluded from the Politbureau:

Lajos ACS. At the time of the deportation of the Yugoslav minorities living near the frontier was first secretary of the county County Party Committee. During the new course, sided with Imre NAGY. Also a member of the secretariat. Since KADOSI's fall did not take a stand on destalinization.

Lajos HIDAS, first Deputy Premier since the fall of KADOSI, when GERO resigned as first Deputy Premier. For many years at the head of the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

Sela KALLAI, came into the foreground at the time of the new course. During the industrial policy of Imre NAGY he was chairman of the Planning Board. One of the first to speak up for normalization of Hungary-Yugoslav relations.