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BACKGROUND ON THE NEW PRESIDIUM OF THE HUNGARIAN JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION

(See C-6 of November 22.)

Members of the Presidium: Genn SALT,  
János FOLGAS,  
Istvan SZATA,  
Tibor PETO,  
Lajos KOSZLOVSKY

Chairman of the executive committee: Sándor BARAGYI

Head of the secretariat attached to the presidium: Ferenc VÁRASI

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Genn SALT During and before the war was editor of Radio WAPST. Arrested by Soviet authorities immediately after the war, deported to Soviet Russia and sentenced for a long term. Released from prison camp, he returned to Hungary in May 1955, and known to have done various manual work. Although nothing is known about his journalistic activities after his return, it may be assumed that in course of the revolution he returned to his journalistic activities.

János FOLGAS Was editor of Esti Budapest, the evening paper of the HUNGARIAN CP Committee. Later he became foreign editor of Szabad Nép and was special correspondent of this paper in Egypt from March 1956. He was twice awarded the "Merit Medal for Socialist Work."

Istvan SZATA Member of the Social Democratic party and editor of Képesek, who was arrested some time after the merger of

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the Social Democratic and Communist parties. Freed same time in 1956, he was elected to the provisional direction of the Journalists' Association on October 31. D-58

IMRE PETRO Group editor of the Magyar Híradó, having specialized in foreign policy. In February 1955 was awarded the "Merit Medal of Socialist Work." As stated also in the communiqué of the Journalists' Association, PETRO was arrested some days ago and subsequently released.

LAJOS KORCOVINSKY At present group editor of the Hungarian News Agency HÍR. In early post-war years he was for some time correspondent in LONDON. In February 1955 he was awarded the "Merit Medal of Socialist Work."

Senior HARASZTI Arrested sometime in 1950 and severely tortured in prison. Freed in 1954. In October of the same year became chief editor of the weekly "Széke és Szabadság." Was relieved of this job in July 1955, probably because of his staunch antagonism to KADOCSI. In 1955 he was labelled a "rightist deviationist" and excluded from the Party. He became a CP member again in October 1956, as reported by the October 12 issue of United Rep. MI-NICH'S Item No. 9710/56 reported that he was expected to become chairman of the Journalists' Association, replacing ERNE NEMALYI. On October 29 he signed the letter of the Revolutionary Committee of Hungarian Intellectuals to the Hungarian people. On October 31, he became member of the provisional direction of the Journalists' Association and on November 2 editor of the new daily Szabadnapi.

LARGO FADAZI Secretary of the Hungarian Journalists' Association for many years. Known to be a staunch Communist who faithfully served the all-time Party line.

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