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and Member of the Central Committee of the
Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, Chairman of
Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of
Hungary Miklos Nemeth**

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Summary:

Conversation between Gorbachev and Nemeth regarding the priorities of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party.

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Gorbachev. It is important to be honest everywhere - in the Central Committee, and in the Parliament, and in conversations with people and with oneself, with one's own consciousness. Otherwise, a disintegration and collapse of personality is unavoidable.

Nemeth. We believe that now it is most important to create a majority in the Central Committee, which would unite around a single program.

Gorbachev. This, of course, does not exclude the existence of some opinions on the right and on the left.

Nemeth. Yes, it is important that the center stays strong.

Nemeth. I think that in this sense there are some extreme moments among [Imre] Pozgay's statements. In the beginning of the events of 1956 a genuine people's dissatisfaction was present. However, later the events turned into a counterrevolution and bloodshed. You cannot discount that.