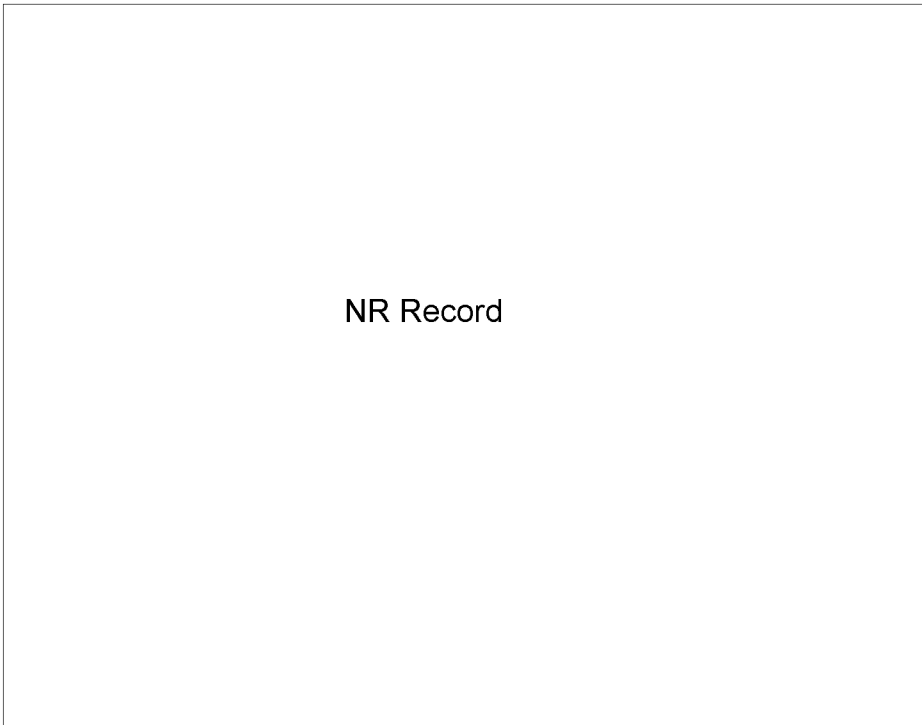


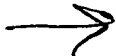
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HUNGARY: Grosz Increasingly Isolated

General Secretary Grosz is losing support within the party and may be voted out of office by yearend. Premier Nemeth, once a Grosz protege, publicly split with the party leader this week over Grosz's call for an "economic state of emergency." The party's youth organization voted to sever its formal affiliation with the party and to back the party's reform wing, singling out Nemeth along with Politburo members Pozsgay and Nyers as worthy of support. The youth organization backed the reformers' call for a special party congress of freely elected delegates this fall to revamp party leadership. [Redacted]

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Comment: If the Central Committee agrees to the demand for a special party congress, Grosz's days are numbered. His position is already tenuous, and opponents in the party and the media have grown bolder in attacking him publicly. There is no consensus on his successor. Nyers, though respected, is seen by some as too old at 66. Pozsgay is viewed by many as an outsider because he has never headed a major party organization. [Redacted]

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