

CHAPTER XII

Draft Conclusion

The Committee concludes from an examination of Hungarian domestic developments between 26 October and 3 November that Mr. Nagy, by ~~the~~^{the} broadening basis of his government and by initiating a decision to abolish the one-party system, took an important step towards the democratization of the Hungarian political scene. It is evident even from a superficial study of the free Hungarian newspapers and free Hungarian broadcasts after 30 October that the steps undertaken by the National Government corresponded to a deep need of the Hungarian people and had full popular backing. The Committee also wishes to place on record that the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party, through the first secretary of its Central Committee, Mr. Janos Kádár stated "wholehearted agreement" with these decisions which seemed to inaugurate a new chapter in the Hungarian political life.