

# Hungary 'should drop equality'

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**M**R IMRE Pozsgay, a member of Hungary's ruling four-man presidium, has produced a draft manifesto saying the Communist Party must reform radically or risk pushing Hungary into Third World decline.

"Equality is no longer necessary in society. Everyone should live according to his needs and according to his output. In a society you can never create complete equality," it said.

Mr Pozsgay added that Hungary should have an efficient market economy with both pub-

lic and private property, and a convertible currency. His manifesto called for reform in the Warsaw Pact, and an independent Hungary linked to Europe by the end of the century.

The new slogan is democratic socialism, the manifesto went on: "the harmonious relationship between individuals and the community".

A spokesman for the opposition, Alliance of Free Democrats, noted wryly that "many of these points seem to come straight from our programme".

The manifesto appeared in the party daily, *Nepszabadsag*, alongside a report from a committee headed by Mr Pozsgay that has been reviewing party history since the war.

The manifesto and report were published on the same weekend that saw the emergence of the first independent television station.

Financed by advertisements, Nap-TV, broadcast a mix of news, weather, music, interviews, and commercials, spiced up with film clips of the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia and a report on East Germans crossing illegally into Austria.

The station will also include a regular religious programme — until recently unthinkable in Communist Hungary.

"I think we achieved some kind of breakthrough today," the director, Mr Ferenc Szekeley, said after the launch.

"We want to be between the parties," said Mr Szekeley. "We do not belong to anyone. And we will criticise everyone."

● Bulgaria has imprisoned three people who demanded human rights for the ethnic Turkish minority, on charges that they incited unrest and spread lies against the state, according to emigre sources.

Mr Shukre Sherifov and Ali Topalov and ethnic Romanian Marlene Liviu appeared at a closed trial in the Black Sea town of Varna on Thursday.

In May the three wrote a letter, which was broadcast on foreign radio stations, urging Bulgarian authorities to restore the cultural and religious rights of ethnic Turks.

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