

## Other Ideological and Party Topics

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### Party Guidance in the Schools

Commenting on the recent conference of KISZ secondary school activists (Summary Part IIB, No.832, p.19), 'Nepszabadsag', as quoted on the home service at 09.00 on 28th May, said that events had vindicated those who had bravely stood up to counter-revolutionary propaganda and had insisted even in the most difficult times that young people in secondary schools needed and even wanted the Party's guidance. The participants' firm adherence to the principle of Party guidance had been the most "moving" feature of the conference. Speaking of relations between pupils and teachers, the paper said that if KISZ members knew that the teaching staff was behind them they would find it easy to "convince" their school-mates. The interests of the

Party and youth required that as many teachers as possible should take part in KISZ activities. But teachers taking part must do so out of conviction.



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