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LEAD ANNIVERSARY

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, OCT. 23-(REUTERS)-SCORES OF ARMED POLICE ON FOOT AND HORSEBACK TODAY PATROLLED A DESERTED BUDAPEST CEMETERY BESIDE THE GRAVES OF PEOPLE KILLED IN THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING, WHICH BROKE OUT A YEAR AGO TODAY.

THE POLICE, IN DARK-BLUE RAINCOATS WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS SLUNG ON THEIR BACKS, PATROLLED IN PAIRS. THEY PACED BACK AND FORTH ON EVERY TREE-LINED AVENUE AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF GRAVES, MANY OF THEM OF PEOPLE KILLED DURING THE FIGHTING, IN THE VAST SPRAWLING KEREPESTI CEMETERY.

THE MOUNTED POLICE, CARRYING LONG SWORDS, RODE THEIR HORSES AT A WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER ROADS AND ALONG THE MAIN AVENUES. A FEW MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES ALSO KEPT WATCH.

OBSERVERS SAID IT APPEARED THEY WERE ON GUARD AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT BY HUNGARIANS TO COMMEMORATE THE RISING THROUGH PILGRIMAGES TO THE GRAVES OF THEIR DEAD.

ONCE A LITTLE GRAY-HAIRED OLD WOMAN IN BLACK, TREADED HER WAY TO A GRAVE, HEEDLESS OF THE ARMED WATCHERS IN HER PATH AND UNHINDERED BY THEM.

BUT MOSTLY THE POLICE WERE ALONE AMONG THE TOMBSTONES, THE FALLING AUTUMN LEAVES, AND THE GHOSTS OF A REVOLT WHICH FAILED.

ELSEWHERE THROUGHOUT THE CITY, HUNGARIANS PLODDED TO WORK IN TEEMING RAIN UNDER THE GUNS OF POLICE AND MILITIA MEN PATROLLING BUSY THOROUGHFARES AND ROAD JUNCTIONS.

BUT OBSERVERS SAID THE CEMETERY WATCHERS WERE THE STRONGEST SINGLE CONCENTRATION OF POLICE THEY SAW.

THE CITY WAS QUIET WITH WORK APPARENTLY GOING ON NORMALLY IN FACTORIES, OFFICES, SCHOOLS, AND UNIVERSITIES. THERE APPEARED TO BE NO ORGANIZED ATTEMPT TO COMMEMORATE THE DAY BY WEARING MOURNING ARM-BANDS OR BLACK TIES OR ANY SIMILAR GESTURE, ALTHOUGH A FEW PEOPLE COULD BE SEEN IN BLACK.

THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST LEADERS HAD REPEATEDLY WARNED THAT ANY STREET DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER GESTURES WOULD BE MERCILESSLY CRUSHED.

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ALL APPEARED QUIET AT THE GIANT IRON AND STEEL PLANT IN THE SUBURB OF ESEPEL, A CENTER OF STUBBORN RESISTANCE DURING AND AFTER LAST YEAR'S FIGHTING.

WORK SEEMED TO BE GOING ON NORMALLY IN THE PLANT'S FACTORIES, WHICH EMPLOYED 38,000 AT FULL PRODUCTION. ONLY A FEW ARMED POLICE COULD BE SEEN.

THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST X X X PICKING UP 10TH PARA.

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POLICE AND MILITIA GUARDED BARRACKS AND STRATEGIC BUILDINGS. ARMED POLICE, CARRYING SUB-MACHINE GUNS IN ADDITION TO THEIR USUAL PISTOLS, WERE ON DUTY IN THE VICINITY OF BUDAPEST'S UNIVERSITY FACULTIES, FLASH POINTS OF THE 1956 RISING, WHICH COMMUNIST MINISTER OF STATE GYOERGY MAROSAN SAID HE WOULD VISIT PERSONALLY TODAY TO SEE WHO WAS ABSENT.

BUT NO POLICE WERE ON VIEW AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE BUILDINGS AND THERE WERE FEW SIGNS OF STRICTER-THAN-NORMAL SECURITY MEASURES. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, STUDENTS HAD TO SHOW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE ENTERING.

NEARBY, SOLDIERS STOOD GUARD OUTSIDE THREE ENTRANCES TO THE BATTLE-SCARRED HUNGARIAN RADIO BUILDING WHERE THE FIRST SHOTS OF THE RISING WERE FIRED WHEN DEMONSTRATORS TRIED TO STORM INTO THE BUILDING TO BROADCAST THEIR DEMANDS FOR REFORMS AND FREEDOM.

ABOUT HALF A MILE AWAY THE KILIAN BARRACKS, AN INSURGENT STRONGHOLD DURING THE UPRISING, WAS DESERTED EXCEPT FOR WORKMEN STILL REPAIRING THE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IT SUFFERED. THERE WERE FEW POLICE TO BE SEEN IN THE AREA OR ALONG BATTERED UELLOEI STREET NEAR THE BARRACKS WHERE THE BITTEREST FIGHTING OF THE RISING TOOK PLACE.

ACROSS THE RIVER IN BUDA, POLICE STOOD GUARD AROUND A BARRACKS BESIDE THE STATUE OF JOSZEF BEM, A POLISH GENERAL HERO OF HUNGARY'S 1848 REVOLUTION, WHERE ONE OF THE MASS MEETINGS WHICH SPARKED OFF THE DEMONSTRATION LAST YEAR WAS HELD.

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BUT THERE WERE NO PRECAUTIONS TO BE SEEN AROUND THE STATUE OF SANDOR PETOEFI, ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY FIGURE, OR THE EMPTY PEDESTAL OF THE STATUE OF STALIN WHERE IT STOOD BEFORE IT WAS HAULED DOWN AND HACKED TO PIECES BY DEMONSTRATORS A YEAR AGO.

SOVIET TROOPS, WHO CRUSHED LAST YEAR'S REVOLT AFTER A FORTNIGHT OF BLOODY FIGHTING, SEEMED TO BE KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT IN CAMPS AND BARRACKS, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE STATIONED IN STRENGTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A GROUP OF SIX OF THEM, APPARENTLY OFF DUTY, WERE SEEN IN ONE MAIN THOROUGHFARE.

BUDAPEST WAS PLASTERED TODAY WITH POSTERS CARRYING A PICTURE OF RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AND THE INSCRIPTION "THE TRUE FRIEND."

PREMIER JANOS KADAR X X X PICKING UP SIXTH PARA ORIGINAL.

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