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THE WAR AGAINST VOLDEMORT IS NOT GOING WELL;

even Muggle governments are noticing. Ron scans the obituary pages of the *Daily Prophet* looking for familiar names. Dumbledore is absent from Hogwarts for long stretches of time, and the Order of the Phoenix has already suffered losses.

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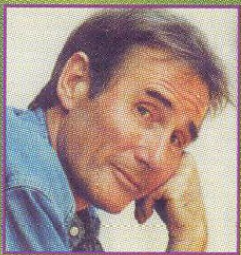
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