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BULGARIAN YOUTH SCORED
 FOR HOOLIGANISM, BOURGEOIS TENDENCIES

[The following report is composed of eight articles on crime, juvenile delinquency, hooliganism, and bourgeois tendencies, taken from newspapers published in various parts of Bulgaria. These articles, which were printed in the local, not the central, Bulgarian press, all appear during the same period and mark the first instance of open treatment of what may be a widespread problem.]

Since the Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth groups are mentioned throughout, with criticisms more or less implied, it is possible that there are weaknesses in the entire youth-group program.]

HOOLIGANS KILL STAKHANOVITE --- Gabrovo, Stakhanovski Glas, 20 Feb 54

On New Year's Eve 1953-54, drunkard and hooligan Georgi Mikhaylov attacked with a knife worker Mikhail Tsanev and his girl friend at the workers' housing near the "Burya" State Industrial Enterprise [in Smirnenski]. Fortunately Tsanev was only slightly wounded. After a militiaman disarmed Mikhaylov, the latter met another criminal, Mustafa Syuleymanov, and together they decided to provoke another incident. Without cause, the two criminals attacked stakhanovite Stefan Dimitrov Sapundzhiev of the "Eftim Apostolov" State Industrial Enterprise near Sapundzhiev's quarters. Other hooligans joined the two criminals in beating Sapundzhiev, who was seriously stabbed several times and beaten. Left in this condition, he died of wounds received.

The hooligans were tried in Smirnenski on 16 and 17 February 1954. The principal criminals among them, Mikhaylov and Syuleymanov, were given prison terms of 15 years each.

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Hooliganism in Tutrakan Okoliya -- Ruse, Dunavska Pravda, 30 Oct 53

Hooliganism among young people in Tutrakan Okoliya was recently discussed by the Okoliya Committee of DSNM (Dimitrovski Suyuz na narodnata mladezh, Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth), but neither the secretaries of the local societies nor the members of the Okoliya Committee could see any evidences of it in the okoliya. There are unhealthy signs of it in Tutrakan Okoliya, nevertheless. In Staro selo, groups of intoxicated youths roam the streets, sing indecent songs, knock on doors without reason, and treat women disrespectfully.

Nikolay Stoyanov [of Tutrakan?] is a member of DSNM, but he plays swing and other insipid and harmful dance music. Swing is played at amusements organized by the second kvartal (ward) society of DSNM in Tutrakan.

Hooliganism is prevalent among Tutrakan [secondary school] students. For example, discipline is poor and [scholastic] results are not good in the 9B class in the Tutrakan Gymnasium, in which 16 of the students are second-year students. During class, there is whistling, rapping, and other disturbances. The secretary of the gymnasium DSNM is in this class.

There are many other examples of hooliganism, which usually occur in places where the DSNM activities are not interesting. In such places as Podles, Pozharevo, Dobrev, Mudrevo, Sokol, and Dunavets, where the youth programs are well organized, there is no such problem.

The public in Tutrakan Okoliya must support the DSNM societies in destroying these evidences of hooliganism. People's soviets must support reading rooms and cultural activities. The bureau of the Okoliya Committee of DSNM has taken steps to improve the political education and the organization of DSNM societies.

DELINQUENCY NOTED IN PLOVDIV -- Plovdiv, Otechestven Glas, 4 Nov 53

Cultural mass work is not being properly coordinated in the various organizations in Plovdiv. Each group goes its own way and the effect of the groups' activities is lessened. This accounts for the instances of hooliganism among some of the young people, mostly the sons and daughters of persons who are in trouble with the people's government. Unfortunately, however, their example has been followed by some of our working youth. This indicates weakness in educational work.

There are varied examples of bourgeois tendencies. Cases of an incorrect attitude toward work are not rare. There are over 300 capable young people who, instead of working, roam the streets looking for a "soft berth" in some office. For example, Dimitur Radev graduated from the Viniculture Faculty at the "Vasil Kolarov" Higher Agricultural Institute and then took a job in a drying room, pushing a handcart. Dimitur Kolchakov, who also graduated from the same faculty, became a trainer at the "Dinamo" State Sport Organization, instead of going to work at a cooperative labor farm, where his skill is needed.

There are irresponsible young people in some enterprises who neglect their duties.

Some students read crime literature. However, this practice is generally rare. In imitation of criminal "heroes," a "Kodeks" (Code) youth group was formed in the music school at the end of 1952. Its members punched other students in the stomach. Instead of stopping this practice, the DSNM group began to imitate the "Kodeks" group.

Many young people use slang. At the Mechanics and Electrotechnical Tekhnikum, many DSNM members use slang and consider it a sign of great "culture."

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School hours are not wisely utilized. Students in the 4th class at the Tekhnikum, including Nikola Tomov and Iliya Kumanov, are often missing from classes. Tomov missed 14 of the 32 semester hours in the metallurgy class.

There are many instances of immoral activities between young men and women.

The Urban Committee of DSNM is struggling to correct these weaknesses in educational work, but its efforts are insufficient. The entire public, under party direction, must fight against hooliganism and fight for good morals and a wholesome Communist education for young people.

The urban people's soviets must take steps to create wholesome entertainment for young people. Mass organizations must do better cultural and educational work.

HOOLIGANISM, BOURGEOIS TENDENCIES IN KOLAROVGRAD -- Kolarovgrad, Kolarovgradska Borba, 7 Nov 53

In Kolarovgrad, there are young people who imitate "Sofia swing" and who introduce degenerate Western culture to impressionable youth. Evidences are noted even in the teachers' institute in the first- and second-year mathematics and physical culture courses. Class members wear narrow "zoot-suit" trousers, long hair, and affect gangster mannerisms. They often use slang words. Typical "heroes" are Boris Iv. Angelov, Slavi Onufriev Zhekov, and Tsv. Kurtaliev.

Such tendencies are noted in amusements. The DSNM committee at the institute does not take corrective measures. The secretary of the second course, Iliya Nikolov, thinks that these young people are incorrigible. However, there are no incorrigible young people and the DSNM committee, the instructors, and the party organization must take steps to eliminate these weaknesses.

The entire public must take part in the battle against hooliganism, which is seen in the kvartals, in the gymnasiums, and, at night, in the streets in Kolarovgrad.

The primary source of hooliganism is the deluded sons of former tsarist officials and officers, such as Krusty Khandzhiev, Yordan Iliev, and T. Todorov.

BOURGEOIS TENDENCIES IN KYUSTENDIL -- Kyustendil, Kyustendilsko Delo, 21 Nov 53

The DSNM must struggle to eliminate all bourgeois tendencies. In connection with this, the DSNM committee at the mixed secondary school in Treklyano took a number of measures. Recently, the students of the 9A class held a meeting at which Bonev (fnu), the student organizer, gave a speech entitled, "Against Bourgeois Tendencies and Hooliganism." He emphasized that the DSNM member must serve as an example both in school and out. Questions and comments followed the speech.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN SEVLIEVO -- Turnovo, Borba, 1 Jan 54

The bourgeois class is trying in every way to obstruct progress, especially with regard to the youth. It attempts to stir up the wrong attitude toward labor, books, socialist science, and culture among youth and tries to encourage idleness and juvenile delinquency.

Some students in Sevlievo Okoliya are apolitical, smoke, play cards, do not attend classes, feign illness, and try to amuse themselves in an insipid manner by reading harmful literature.

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Tsonyu Semerdzhiev, a student from the 9A class, calls out to the teacher during physics class, "You are not doing the experiment correctly," when the experiment is proceeding normally. N. Staykov, a male student in the 11th class, smokes with female student D. Konteva in the ladies' room.

Staykov's guardian, D. Dimov, a former court petitioner, daily teaches the boy his own "wise ways." Dimov says, "Listen, no one can make you study. People are becoming directors, even with only a third-class education." The boy does not study and received failing grades.

There is a category of students which does not recognize regulations, organization, or school work. It is unfortunate that such students as Tasko Botev Kunev from the 6G class, a second-year student, are in the gymnasium preparatory school. Kunev smokes and wanders from candy store to candy store. Each evening, he goes to the motion-picture theaters. He does not attend school regularly and when he does go, he enters class whenever he feels like it.

Mariya Draganova of the same 6G class tore up her notebook because she was given a poor report.

Students Tsv. Obushtarova and M. Dragieva from the 9th Class circulated a cynical poem among the students of the girls' secondary school in Sevlievo. The poem was discovered by the committee of the DSNM, and the offenders were punished.

The party organization, the teachers councils (pedagogicheski suvet), and the DSNM are combating these influences. A report on the existence and evidences of bourgeois morals was given before the teachers at the boys' secondary school in Sevlievo on the initiative of the school party organization. A meeting of parents was held at which a report on raising and caring for children was read. The DSNM committee at the gymnasium organized a discussion on the morals of today's young people.

POOR BEHAVIOR OF YOUTH IN PAZARDZHNIK -- Pazardzhik, Septemvriysko Zname, 5 Mar 54

On 23 February 1954, young people behaved very badly at the student and trade-union art exhibition in the "Videlina" Reading Room in Pazardzhik. They shouted, made other noises, and beat on tables. The personnel of the reading room were unable to prevent the disorders and the members of the Education and Culture Section of the Pazardzhik People's Soviet did not make any attempts to stop the disorders. The following day the reading room was a shambles, as 60 chairs were lying on the floor. Such occurrences of hooliganism must be stamped out in Pazardzhik.

HOOIGANISM, LAZINESS AMONG BULGARIAN YOUTH -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 6 Jan 54

It has been noticed that many young try to evade work. This was the case with youths who were scheduled to help out at the "Georgi Chankov" TKZS (cooperative labor farm) in Lisets, Lovech Okoliya. A reporter wrote that the entire effort of the DSNM (Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth) in helping in the fall sowing at the TKZS consisted of writing a few slogans.

Reporter Gutyu Gutev wrote that the reading room in Mirovtsi, Novi Pazar Okoliya, was frequented by hooligans, such as Slavcho Ivanov, Todor Petrov, and Kuncho Kunev.

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Reporter I. Peev from Golyam Izvor, Razgrad Okoliya, wrote that at the DSNM club the youth is dancing "distorted" dances [jitter bug?], that secretaries of the DSNM Ivanka Atanasova and Yordanka Varcheva participated in these dances, and that in the evenings youth sing "intoxicated" songs in the streets. Many youths from Golyam Izvor evade cultural and educational work and participate in "unhealthy" activities. Youths only visit the reading room when dances are given. The laziness of youth in the village does not even disturb party secretary Georgi Iliev nor the chairman of the all-rural committee of the Fatherland Front. They are indifferent toward these occurrences. The reading room resembles a beer hall.

At the opening of the DSNM school year in Dolna Oryakhovitsa, Gorna Oryakhovitsa Okoliya, only 25 out of 140 members attended opening classes.

GROUP OF HOOLIGANS ACTIVE IN "CHERNO MORE" MINE -- Burgas, Chernomorski Front, 12 Jan 54

Hooliganism is the result of poor example, poor family upbringing, and poor public education in mass organizations. A group of hooligans is operative in the "Cherno More" Coal Mine. One of the leaders of this group is Georgi Ivanov Stoyanov (Kosara), called "wild animal" by his group. While the coal miners were trying to sleep at night, Stoyanov and his group kept them awake by singing indecent songs, shouting, and breaking windows and doors. Stoyanov provoked fights, which he won because of his strength. This made him even more famous. During a dance in October 1953, Stoyanov became drunk, broke phonograph records, windows, and tables, and fought with the militiamen, who were trying to restore order.

One evening, Stoyanov and his group beat up an operator of a threshing machine, as a result of which the machine was idle 2 days.

Stoyanov is not a party member and is being exploited by enemy elements. After he was dismissed from the "Cherno More" Mine, Stoyanov began to live a life of a parasite. He forced his mother to give him money by threatening to kill her. His father, who was always drunk, was a bad example for Stoyanov.

The court sentenced Stoyanov to one year in prison. -- V. Stoykov

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