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- 25X1 1. Resistance to government efforts to break the hold of the Roman Catholic Church on the population has been especially strong in Slovakia. The arrest or deportation to the USSR of bishops and priests of the Eastern Rite had increased the discontent among the population. In order to ameliorate this resentment, 40 priests of the Eastern Rite have been set at liberty.
- 25X1 2. In July 1952 the Czechoslovak Army returned about 50 [REDACTED] armored cars to the V.I. Lenin Works, Pilsen, because parts of their motors had been broken during tests. These parts failures are believed to have been caused by sabotage by workers at the V.I. Lenin Works.
- 25X1 3. An investigation instigated by the Ministry of National Defense resulted in the arrest of a large number of workers under the accusation of sabotage.

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