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1. On 14 October 1954, Dobrivoje Radosavljevic, chairman of the State Commission for Religious Affairs in Belgrade, in a speech to representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Association of Priests, expressed the dissatisfaction of the Yugoslav Government with the Roman Catholic Church. He was referring to complaints by the high Catholic clergy on the oppression of their Church which opposes the state-supported associations of priests. 25X1
2. On 11 October 1954, Bishop Franz Francic<sup>1</sup> was fined 50,000 dinars because he told priests in a circular letter that the Catholic Church was faced with great difficulties because it had no schools, organizations or newspapers. He had also stopped four priests from joining the state-supported association of priests. 25X1

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