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1. Bulgarian Minister of Interior Georgi Tsankov has returned from Moscow and it is expected that in the near future there will be a reshuffle in the Bulgarian Government and a definite reversal in foreign policy. Former Agrarian leaders, seeing which way the wind is blowing, are already intriguing in order to be in a good position in the race for portfolios.
2. In Bulgarian circles it is considered certain that there will be an amnesty for certain of those condemned in the Kostov trial and mention is made of Petko Kumin¹, former Minister of Heavy Industry and of Finance, removed in 1949 and condemned to 15 years in prison in May 1951, and of Nikola Govedarski², Deputy Minister of Internal Trade in 1949. 25X1
3. The above facts are connected with the new policy towards Yugoslavia. In certain quarters, efforts are being made to prepare public opinion by insisting on all the points which the two countries have in common and the listeners, undoubtedly figuring rather quickly, are already talking of Bulgaria's entry into the United Nations and a federation with Yugoslavia. 25X1
4. Even though these thoughts are to be taken with caution, there is no doubt that something is in the wind and popular sentiment coincides with the more official positions. Undoubtedly with the approval of Moscow, events are in the offing which not only will liquidate the differences with Belgrade, but will open the way to a new policy in the Balkans and perhaps in Europe, a policy which could easily have Yugoslavia as its axis. 25X1

Comments:

1. Petko Kumin was relieved of his post as Finance Minister on 8 October 1949.

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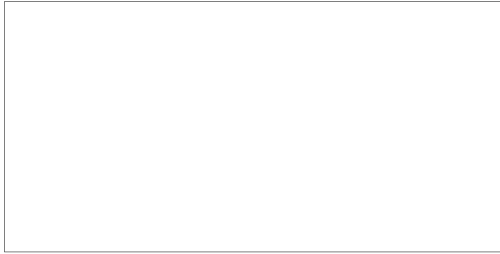
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2.  Govedarski was dismissed as Assistant Minister of Foreign Trade in August 1949. On 26 August 1950 he was sentenced by a Sofia Court to twelve and one-half years in prison on the grounds of being implicated in the "Kostov conspiracy."



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