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1. Within the next few years there will be a bitter internal struggle in the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia between the pro-Soviet and the pro-Western factions. The pro-Soviet forces will be the stronger. Marshal Tito might possibly be pro-Western, but he will be forced by the radicals, who consider him "spoiled" and "softened", to move closer to the Soviets. In this context, the Djilas case can be considered a thorough defeat for Tito. 25X1
2. Tito's policy, in case of war, will be to do everything to remain neutral, since he considers that joining one side or another will mean his finish no matter which side wins. The Yugoslav Army itself will not fight, but probably most of the soldiers will desert while the UDB officers and non-commissioned officers will side with the Soviet Union.
3. Realizing this, Tito and the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia are pursuing a policy of getting what they can from the West, in order to recover economically and to gain prestige and popularity with their people. The people themselves, however, are not as easily deceived as the Americans. Once economic conditions and harvest improve, "the whole artificial demonstration of private enterprise" currently in force will be replaced by a centralized Marxist economy.
4. As relations with the Soviet Union and the Satellites improve, there will be a series of purges and "unpleasant shifts" in Yugoslavia.
5. Yugoslavia's purpose in joining the Balkan Pact was mainly for business and prestige reasons. 25X1
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