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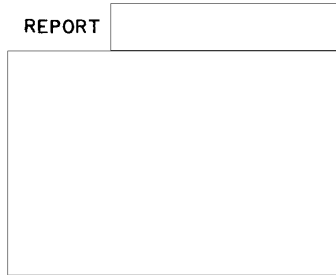
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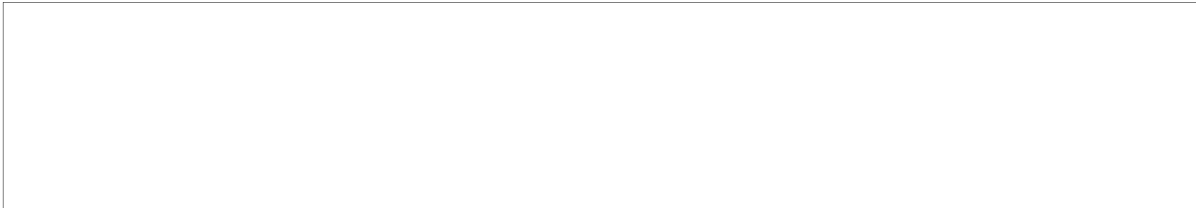
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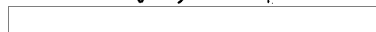


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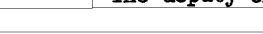
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- 1. The chairman of the local National Committee in Tuchomysl, District Usti Nad Labem, North Bohemia, is Miroslav Hyspl, 
 As his regular occupation, he is in charge of the administration of the pit Prokop Holy. In this capacity he has great influence on the employment of workers and their assignment to light or heavy work. 

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The deputy chairman is Rudolf Bousa, a Communist of long standing  The secretary of the Committee is (fnu) Malinovsky.

- 2. The agricultural referat of the Committee is headed by Rudolf Tomek, a former Social Democrat who joined the CP after February 1948. 

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3. Rudolf Posusta was, up to January 1952, in charge of the supply referat. When he got a job at the brick factory in Trmice, he resigned from his position with the National Committee. Josef Strnad, a CP member is in charge of educational matters within the National Committee. 50X1-HUM
4. The local CP organization in Tuchomysl has had a new chairman since April 1952 in the person of Rudolf Zemin. He is a Communist of long standing. 50X1-HUM
- Acting secretary of the local CP is Josef Adamec, a painter by profession.
5. The Farmers' Cooperative in Tuchomysl was set up by (fnu) Alinc, manager of the local Distribution Cooperative (Konsum). Its chairman is Josef Soucek, but the actual management is in the hands of Frantisek Tomanek. The Cooperative has about 70 cows, grossly underfed because they were given only cut straw for many months. In the Autumn of 1951 the best potatoes were not harvested at all because the Cooperative was waiting for brigade workers who, however, never arrived. The whole crop was left on the fields to rot. The same happened to the garlic crop, which, incidentally, is in very short supply all over the country. 50X1-HUM
6. In April 1952 a serious hoof and mouth epidemic broke out in the village of Trmice, together with a fast-spreading epidemic of pig disentry (cervenka). At the same time, even the best fed cattle were dying off from a third deadly disease of unknown origin and name. The Communist authorities got panicky, as they were unable to control the spreading of these epidemics; the village was placed under a kind of quarantine. Children who visited the school in Trmice from neighboring villages were given a vacation, and the bus which communicates between surrounding localities was detoured to bypass the stricken village. 50X1-HUM
7. all housewives under 45 years of age who had no children and were working only in the household, were no longer issued food ration coupons. This new measure, which was introduced without any previous announcement in the press or radio, applied also to wives of heavy industrial workers. 50X1-HUM

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8. The meat situation is particularly bad in Tuchomysl and its surrounding areas. Endless queues can be seen in front of Ptacek's butcher shop in Trmice whenever a supply of horsemeat is put on sale. On such days at least some 100 people can be found lining up at 4 in the morning. It often occurred that after hours of waiting, not even these early birds could get any meat. Even before the official opening hour of the shop, trucks from hospitals and factories drove up to the shop, bought up the entire horsemeat supply, and left nothing for the civilian population. As a rule, one-quarter of the meat ration coupon is used up for the purchase of horsemeat. 50X1-HUM
9. In February 1952 when the food rations of surface workers were cut (instead of 3 kg. of fats, they receive now only 1 kg.), surface workers of the Prokop Holy pit in Tuchomysl organized a protest strike. After one hour of strike, the STB arrived from Usti Nad Labem, and arrested the miner (fnu) Tuma from Viklice as the organizer of the strike. At the beginning of March, 1952, the miners called a protest meeting, intended to organize another strike, and passed a resolution demanding the immediate release of Tuma. Tuma was released and returned to the pit. 50X1-HUM
10. Preparations are underway to open up new shafts in the village of Tuchomysl. Part of the village is threatened because some of the new shafts will be blasted beneath the village. Already a new cemetery has been opened because the old cemetery is located in the future mining area. 50X1-HUM
11. To fight the dangerously spreading alcoholism, the authorities set up a special ward in the Usti Nad Labem hospital where notorious alcoholists are being treated. such special wards have been set up also at other district hospitals. The cure, which consists mainly of some kind of injections, usually lasts three months but is not too effective. 50X1-HUM

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