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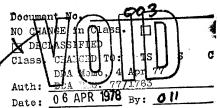DIST.   4 February 1947

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1. Certain Slovak Democratic leaders believe that the working agree-
ment which their party reached with the Slovak Catholics just
before the May elections, when both groups were alarmed about a
possible Communist victory, cannot last much longer. Friction
inside the party steadily increases, and the conservative
"militant" Catholics are forming themselves more and more into a
distinct wing.

2. Party leaders are viewing with uneasiness the persistence with
which the Catholic Slovak Democrats demand control of important
party posts, even when they are unable to present candidates with
good political records. Catholic leadership continues to be more
or less in the hands of Dr. Kempný, former Hlinka Party member
and now a very active secretary of the Slovak Democratic Party. It is felt
however, that much of Dr. Kempný's success in placing himself in
the foreground of party affairs can be attributed to the frequent
absences of Dr. Fedor Hodža, the General Secretary, from executive
committee meetings. Dr. Kempný, in his effort to strengthen the
Catholic position in the Slovak Democratic Party, has also been
getting much assistance from Msgr. Andrej Cvinček, now Vice-
President of the Slovak National Council. The Catholic wing is
strengthened, too, by the strong support it receives from the
weekly publication Katolické Noviny, which has a circulation at
present of around 140,000 copies per week.

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