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Dr. Milan Lemes former member of the Central Committee of the Slovene Communist Party, who was expelled from the Central Committee in January 1947 due to a long standing dispute with the President of the Slovene Government - Mika Marinko - over the internal policy of the Slovene Government, made the following observations to source:

1. The policy of "Communization" in Slovenia was being carried out too rapidly and too radically.
2. Yugoslavia, and Slovenia in particular, required foreign support. The USSR was unable to assist because of her own economic difficulties. Yugoslavia was therefore obliged to turn to England and the United States for help. Consequently an understanding, albeit a temporary understanding, with the Western Powers was essential.
3. Mika Marinko and the other radical elements of the Central Committee of Slovene Communist Party were not prepared to consider any rapprochement with the west.
4. Lemes also made the following objections:
 - a. The present policy of the Yugoslav Communist Party oblivious of the present economic difficulties faced by Yugoslavia, insisted on immediate delivery of invaluable manufactured goods and raw materials in exchange for non-productive Russian war material.
 - b. The fact that Russia insisted on payment for war materials delivered to the Partisan movement during the war.
 - c. That in spite of the great dearth of consumer goods in Yugoslavia, 75% of the total production of many Yugoslav factories was being exported to Russia. He quoted an example furnished by his nephew - an officer in a Military Academy in Moscow - who was issued by the Officers Equipment Depot in Moscow with a pair of shoes manufactured by the "PEKO" shoe factory in Kamnik.
 - d. That Yugoslavia was creating a heavy industry which was being geared to Soviet economy and destined to operate in the interests of the USSR and not essentially those of Yugoslavia.

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- e. That although the USSR was furnishing Yugoslavia with certain raw materials (e.g. cotton and wool) these raw materials were being principally manufactured for export to the USSR and not for local consumption.

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