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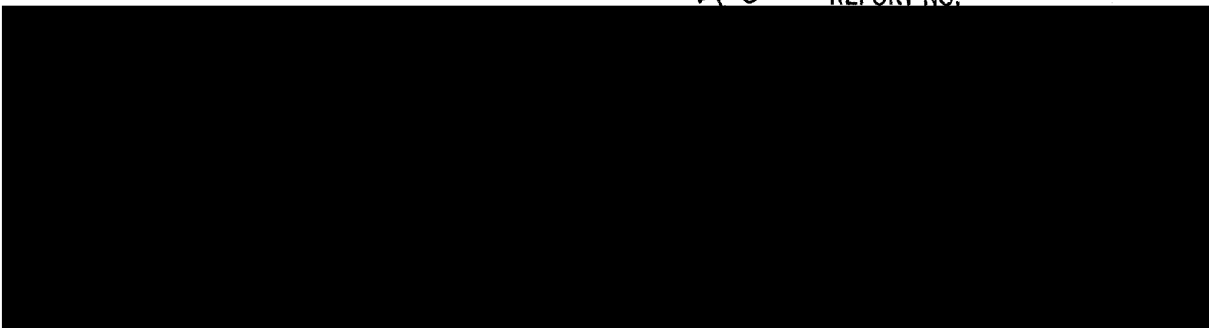
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1. The "fighting spirit" of the Yugoslavs against the Cominform has greatly weakened, largely because the Party press is compelled to praise the Soviets, and to present them as the strongest world power and the model of Socialist nations. At the same time the press attempts to prove that Tito's formula for socialization is even better and, above all, the most correct. These inconsistencies, with which the press and speakers attempt to cloud people's thoughts, are driving even Tito's most zealous believers into apathy. The publicized espionage and sabotage trials, which at least for some time struck fear and artificially whipped up the activists to fight, and, on the other hand, killed off opposition movements, are now for one and all meaningless episodes.
2. In Slovenia the opinion is widespread that Tito will very soon be forced to join the Western Bloc. Even those who formerly attacked the Western Democracies most outspokenly now subscribe to this solution. Certain news already indicates the path and means which the regime will use in such a reorientation. For this reason discussions of Cominform offenses are regularly scheduled for the Tito cells, for an eventual approach to the West. This reconciliation with the West is supported by the activists as necessary to the realization of their five year plan, which will be executed -- after the Cominform announced the severest economic sanctions against Yugoslavia -- only with the aid of Western Powers.
3. The directives to the activists stress that trade agreements with the West will not change the anti-imperialist fight in the least, nor hold back the socialization of the country. In foreign affairs instructions are to conduct an anti-imperialistic fight, but less blatantly than heretofore, for current tactics dictate restraint. Hence, with the help of the West, the road to the socialization of the country will be shortened appreciably and will serve as an example to all the rest of the Peoples Democracies.
4. The sympathy and goodwill towards the Allies have never been greater than now - not even during the era of UNRRA. Above all, this feeling of goodwill is clearly manifest in the coal regions and in Jesenice. Tito's security police have their hands full in these areas. In general, also these new events are attributed to Cominformist propoganda, even if it is evident that they are nothing more than the spontaneous expressions of an extremely dissatisfied working class.

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Until now workers were favored in food rations and in the purchase of everyday necessities. On paper this preferential treatment is still in effect. In the last few weeks, however, distribution has been very irregular, and there have been shortages. In Trbovlje, about two weeks ago, there occurred real rifts between the workers at a Syndicate meeting, because the miners demanded an improvement in distribution of rations, with increases particularly of fats and soap. Severe criticism was made also of the poor quality of potatoes, which are rotten and inedible, and wormy beans. The workers of the Hrastnik glass factories joined the miners in these complaints.

6. According to some reports, the arguments led to actual fighting between workers and representatives of the Syndicate. The workers called attention to living conditions in Yugoslavia as compared with those in Western countries. One miner called out: "The capitalists look after their workers much better than socialistic countries, so why do we continue to fight?" This miner, reported to have been an Istrian, was seized at once and placed under arrest by the Secret Police, whereupon the workers fell upon the Police and beat them up. Several days later the workers' cooperative commenced to issue a special ration of 100 grams of lard. This failed to pacify the workers. Enraged, they publicly declared that only with a definite fight against the syndicates, would they be able to achieve their rights.

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