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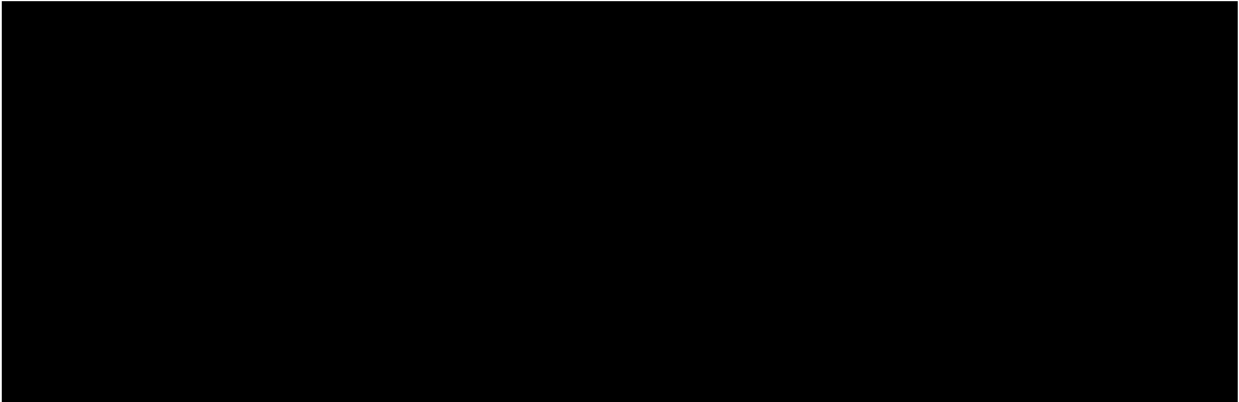
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1. In order to understand the activities of the Yugoslav political emigres, it is necessary to take into consideration the two categories of Yugoslav emigres living abroad today. The first is the Yugoslav military-political emigre who has been abroad since 1941 and who refused in 1944 to return to Yugoslavia. The second category is composed of politicians and military personnel who fled from Yugoslavia at the advent of Communism. This group is generally composed of heterogeneous, compromised and insignificant individuals. In the opinion of source, this latter group has injected into the Yugoslav emigration disorientation and chaos by their efforts to obtain leadership and their endeavor to divert Yugoslav emigration toward neo-fascism.
2. The present Yugoslav emigre groups are sub-divided into four committees as follows:
  - a. The Serbian National Committee
    - 1) During the past several years Yugoslav political emigres have virtually exhausted themselves discussing the future form of the Yugoslav state. Recently, however, the concept of a Yugoslavia on a strictly federative basis was adopted by all authoritative elements. In line with this concept the Serb National Committee (Srpski Narodni Odbor) was established abroad with the following Serbian political figures heading the committee: Slobodan Jovanovic (London); Dr. Milan Gavrilovic (London); Radoje Knezevic (London); Milos Bobic (London); Krsto Miletic (London); Jovan Banjanin (London); Konstantin Fotic (Washington); Dr. Irinej Djordjevic (London); Adam Pribicevic (Canada); Dr. Zivko Topalovic (Belgium); Dr. Nikolaj Velimirovic (Libertyville, USA); Nikola Djonovic (USA); Dr. Slobodan Draskovic (USA); Dr. Milan Sijacki (USA); Dr. Milos Sekulic (London); Dr. Radoje Vukcevic (Paris); Mladen Zujevic (USA) and others. All the traditional Serb parties are represented within this committee.
    - 2) It is expected that this committee will be subjected to attack

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on the part of opposition elements headed by the Chetnik Vojvoda group led by (Dr.) Dobrosav Jevdjevic. The Zbor group is also expected to attempt to minimize the influence of the Serb National Committee, but these two groups, together with minor smaller factions, are considered to be rather insignificant.

- 3) The Yugoslav Moslem organization abroad, established in Paris, may be considered as a sub-division of the Serb National Committee. The Moslems are headed by Omer Dzonlagic and the committee includes emigres from Macedonia.

b. The Slovene National Committee

- 1) The Slovene National Committee (Slovenski Narodni Odbor) was established in 1946 in Rome. The present committee is composed of Dr. Miha Krek as president and Milos Stare in Rome, Rudolf Zitnik in Argentina and Professor Kacin in Gorizia. In addition to these men, there are members of the Slovene People's Party, the Liberal and Socialist Party represented on the committee. The sentiments of the overwhelming majority of Slovenes residing abroad are reflected in the views of this committee.
- 2) Those groups which are not represented on the Slovene National Committee are the Strazari (the so-called "Action Committees for a Sovereign and Independent Slovene State") which is headed by Dr. Ciril Zebot, the groups president, who lives in the United States. Other members of this group are Jozse Spindler, Jozse Peterlin of Trieste and Dr. Lujo Leskovar, a member of IRO.

c. Croat National Committee

- 1) The Croat National Committee (Hrvatski Narodni Odbor) has not yet been established but plans have been made to form the committee of representatives of the Croat Peasant Party abroad exclusively. The president of this Committee will probably be Dr. Vlatko Macek, president of the Croat Peasant Party who is resident in Washington. The committee will, in all probability, also include Dr. Branko Peselj (Washington); Ivan Mestrovic (USA); the priest Antonije Juretic (Switzerland); Miroslav Didek (Rome); Dr. Josip Torbar (Canada); Dr. Juraž Krnjevic (London); Blazo Vuckovic (Belgium) and Ilija Jukic (London). All are leading men in the Croat Peasant Party.
- 2) The Croat National Committee (or Dr. Macek who, as president of the Croat Peasant Party has the authority to speak for the Croats abroad) will be subjected to attack by the Ustasha faction who are considered to have only minor influence with the Croatian people inside Yugoslavia.

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