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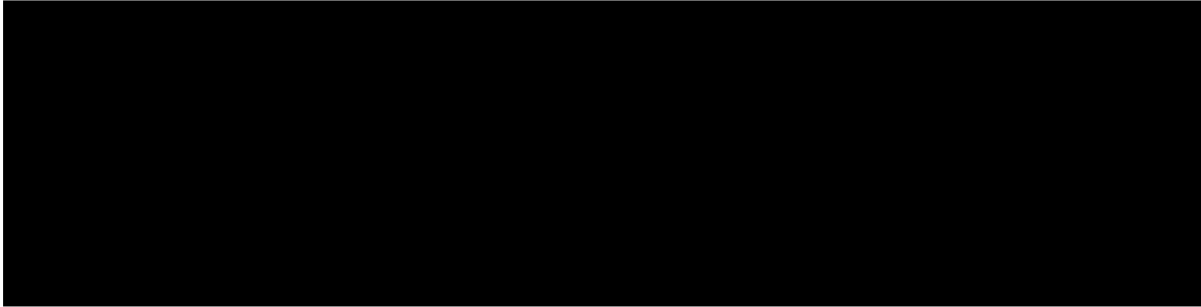
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1. Headquarters of the International Cominform Brigade in Hungary is located in Bakony, Soviet General Simkov commanding.

2. Composition of the Brigade is as follows:

- Staff Headquarters.
- 8 infantry battalions.
- 2 paratrooper battalions.
- 2 heavy machine gun battalions.
- 14 batteries of varied artillery weapons.
- 2 anti-tank companies.
- 3 Commando-type assault companies.
- 2 radio telegraph (telephone) companies.
- 3 air squadrons. (At present one squadron has only 8 "JAT" pursuit planes, the other has 5 "JAT" transport planes, and the other only 2 light bombers of the "JAT" model. The units were only given these planes for the purpose of training on the Tapolca Airfield.)
- 1 transportation battalion with approximately 150-200 automobiles of various capacities.
- 1 pioneer battalion.
- 1 police battalion.
- 1 division field hospital.

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3. The strength of the brigade is approximately 20,000 men, and it is planned to increase this to 25,000. All armament and equipment is of Soviet manufacture and very modern. The brigade is so armed and equipped that it can operate as an independent tactical unit.

4. The men receive special rations which are known as the "Voroshilov meal", and are quartered partly in private homes in Bakony and partly in newly constructed barracks. The city itself is isolated, and a special permit signed by the Commanding General Simkov is needed to enter the city.

5. Units are trained in their specialties with the ultimate aim of making them capable of independent action. Special attention is devoted to training for sabotage activities of all types and to political propaganda training related to conditions in the future theatres of action. Yugoslavs attached to the Brigade are being separately instructed regarding the area of their future activity. Their instructors are Yugoslav Cominform (partisan) officers who have attended

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various partisan courses in Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria.

6. The following are some of the officers attached to the Brigade:

Rumania: Lt. Mikolesko

Bulgaria: Capt. Simeonov

Yugoslavia: Capt. Zdenko Milusev, and 2nd Lts. Simić and Mustafa Jefirov

Germany: Capt. Partel, Lt. Redecke

Greece: Capt. Papandreu

Hungary: Lt. Narda and 2nd Lt. Kisch

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