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Should war break out, there is little doubt that at least one-third Lithuanians would go to the forests and join the partisans. In rura particularly, the peasants would try to avoid mobilization by every ble means, and those who were mobilized would try to desert later. There is also little doubt that, if war should out now, many innocent people would suffer, as many individuals would	possi- break take 50X1-HUI
the opportunity to settle private accounts and to seek personal reverse It might be possible to prevent this by using the right propaganda by hand in order to influence the people. It must be explained to the now that everyone who is a member of the Communist Youth Organization not necessarily bad, that anyons who joins such organizations is not gether rotten already, that therefore individual action against these sons is not to be tolerated, and that these youths will be accepted into the national community. Such explanation would prevent the people into the national communist Youths as traitors. The youths themselve become stronger in their national feelings and less eager to support Communist regime now or in the future; they would even be ready to determine the second to the ready to determine the second to the ready to determine the second to the ready to determine the second the second to the second to the second the second the second the second to the second the se	nge. efore people n is alto e per back ple from s wouldthe 50X1-HUN
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Russians in Lithuania

7. There are many Russians living in Kaunas, possibly up to one-third of the population, but there are no Russian settlers on the land round about.

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The higher officia's and the Sowiet army officers form the privileged class. The lower orders occasionally show antipathy to the regime, particularly when under the influence of drink. In fact, when the Sowiet seediers were going back home after the war, they openly sang a song about "going home to stay and sweeping the kolkhos away", but apparently nothing happened. Lithuanians believe that Hitler lost the war because of his inhuman treatment of the Russians,

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Lithuanian Repatriates

Lithuanians come via Grodno, where they are very carefully screened. Some fail to reach Lithuania; many are engaged to work for the MCB. Once they return to Lithuania, they can never go back to work abroad.

Deportations

- The mass deportations took place during the spring of 1947 and 1948.

 These in 1948 were particularly heavy. They went on for a whole week, and people were deported day and night. In 1947, the people did not take food parcels with them, believing that these might be confiscated. Having heard from relatives in Siberia that they were allowed to keep their things, the people now try to take everything they can with them. In 1948, the deportations were so cruel that even party men could not prevent the tears coming to their eyes, but there was nothing anyone could do. The dwellings of the deported people were then taken over and occupied by Russians.
- 11. Since then, deportations have taken place frequently, but on a smaller scale. Even this spring (1951) there have been deportations of single families here and there from Kaunas and Siauliai. The deportees live somewhere beyond the Urals. They write often to their relatives in Lithuania, and it is evident that they all hope for war. They are allowed a good deal of freedom, but are not permitted to leave the area. A great many have died, and some groups have had to endure terrible hardships in the Siberian forests in the winter. Of these nobody knows how many have survived. Still, these people are better off than those sentenced to forced labor for 5 ~ 15 years, or even longer.

Arrests

12. It often happens that the Russians arrest people, hold them for some time in Lithuania, up to a year or more, and then deport them to Siberia, where the interrogation continues. If they are found innocent, they are released and brought back. Very often, such people are engaged to work for the MGB. If the Bolshevists cannot find any definite cause for suspicion, they do now use torture, but, if any strong suspicion against the arrested person does exist, then every possible form of physical torture is used. Stories are told of incredible brutality.

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