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- The Central Committee of the pro-Tito (Babic) Communist Party of Trieste had requested the District Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party (CPY) of Koper to send a large number of Party members of Slovene origin to attend the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Liberation Front, which was to be held in the village of Crogle near San Dorligo della Valle in Zone A, Free Territory of Trieste on 6 and 7 October. The Central Committee requested specifically that 60 Party members attend the celebration on 6 October and 150 on 7 October. Anton Ukmar, of the Central Committee of the pro-Tito Party, was in charge of the organization of Party members of both Zones during the celebration.
- Upon receipt of this request, the District Committee of the CPY in Koper immediately ordered the Regional Committees of the CPY in Koper and Buje to organize for the attendance of over 100 Party members. The following reason for the necessity of attending the celebration was given to individual Party members:

"You must attend because the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Liberation Front is a very important matter. We must aid the Party in Zone A, where the Cominformists are attempting to squash our organization. If followers of the pro-Cominform (Vidali) Communist Party should attempt anything, they must be smashed and frustrated."
- The chief organizers for the Regional Committee of the CPY in Koper were Rado Pisot who is known as "Rado"; a certain Hrvatin; and Mario Vuk, leader of the Communist Youth of Koper. During the period 5-7 October, Vuk and Hrvatin had at their disposal the automobile of Julij Beltram, Political Secretary of the District Committee of Koper; in it they called upon Party cells and leaders in villages throughout the Koper area.
- On 6 October, Party members coming were driven by special bus from Koper to the Zone B-Zone A blockpost at Scoffie in Zone A. Each person attending the celebration was given between 300 and 600 lire by Vuk and Hrvatin, which money the latter obtained from the Regional Party Committee of Koper.

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5. In preparation for this occasion, the Central Committee of the pro-Tito Party had organized a special squad composed of 30 of the most trusted Party members, led by Danilo Turk known as "Joco". This squad was fully prepared to take immediate action to suppress any Cominformist attempts to interrupt the celebration.
6. A total of 23 Party members from Zone B attended the celebration. Among the most important figures present were the following individuals from Zone B:
 - a. Mario Babic, a member of UDB.
 - b. Mario Vuk, Communist Youth leader from Koper.
 - c. Arturo Saule, a well-known terrorist.

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