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- 25X1 1. [ ] this year's celebration in Buenos Aires on 25 November 1951 of Tito's liberation of Yugoslavia was by far the poorest in comparison with preceding years. Approximately 160 persons gathered in the El Nacional Theater for the event; the greater portion of this number included the staff of the Yugoslav Legation and their families and the members of the Argentine-Yugoslav cultural and commercial societies. The celebration began one half hour late because there were not enough people present at the scheduled hour.
- 2. Ivo Sazunic\*, on behalf of the Yugoslav colony, delivered a speech in Spanish. He was followed by Hinko Raspor\*\*, Charge d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Legation, who gave his speech in Serbo-Croat. Both speakers were very careful in their references to the Soviet Union. Sazunic alluded to it only by saying that the Soviet Union did not want to see a really independent country. Raspor referred to the Soviet Government as an entity that did not want an independent Yugoslavia.
- 3. Both speakers spoke at length concerning Tito's war activities, and Raspor particularly stressed Tito's fight against Pavelic, Medic, and Mihajlovic. Raspor also said that before Tito came to power, Yugoslavia was a semi-colonial country which was dominated for centuries by the Turks or by the western powers. Today that situation no longer exists. There was very slight applause from the audience whenever Tito's name was mentioned in the speeches.\*\*\*

25X1 25X1 \* [ ] Comment. [ ] previously reported that Sazunic, who is one of the most important Titoist agents, is an Argentine citizen and mechanic who returned to Argentina from Yugoslavia in November 1951. Sazunic is now publishing a report of his trip to Yugoslavia in the Yugoslav Legation's newspaper, Vjesnik. His main theme is that the Tito regime is really Socialist, not Communist, and that it will continue to follow this policy.

25X1 25X1 \* [ ] Comment. [ ] reported Raspor's activities at the Yugoslav Legation in Buenos Aires.

25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. There is no doubt that the great majority of pre-war Yugoslav immigrants have deserted Tito and are now on the side of the Cominform.

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