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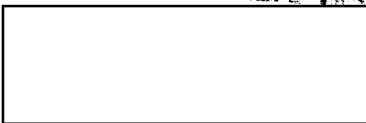
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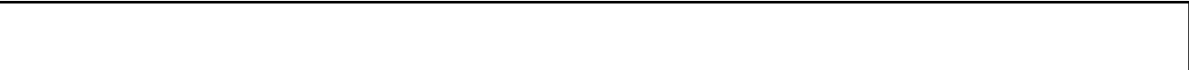
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1. The community of Vidovice, located in the Broko district of Bosnia, comprises the villages of Vidovice, Kopanica and Ucelovac (sic). The most prominent Communists in the community of Vidovice are: Tunjo Mikic, Nedeljko Petrovic, Panto Letic and Ilija Belic. The chairman of the collective in the community of Vidovice is Nedeljko Petrovic.
2. A collective was established in the community of Vidovice during 1949, but since membership at that time was not compulsory, only about 20 poor families joined it. During 1950 and 1951, local authorities in the community with the assistance of Broko district authorities, tried to force the free farmers to join the collective by increasing quotas of products for free farmers to surrender to the Government and by establishing high tax rates. During early 1951, Marija Orsolc, a free farmer in Vidovice was arrested by UDB officials on the charge of refusing to surrender 300 kilograms of meat to the Government. Eleven others were arrested at the same time for failure to surrender various products to the Government. The following are some of the farmers who were arrested and sentenced to the prison in Tuzla, for failure to comply with Government demands:
 - a. Marija Orsolc, as stated previously, who received a sentence of two-years imprisonment;
 - b. Niko Matanovic, who was sentenced to prison for six years;
 - c. Simo Marisic, who was given a sentence of two-years imprisonment;
 - d. Mato Babic, who was sentenced to prison for two years;
 - e. Mato Marcic, who was sentenced to prison for two years; and
 - f. Jovo Simic, who was sentenced to prison for two years.
3. Early in 1951, Marko Milutinovic, the Catholic priest in the community of Vidovice, was arrested on the charge of advising peasants to refuse to let their daughters work in the Volunteer Youth Brigades outside the village. Milutinovic received a term of five-years' imprisonment.

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