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1. The harbor of Budva has been closed to permit undisturbed renovation work on the concrete seashore battery positions. These positions were built during the war by the Germans. The defense works at Budva have eight new machine gun nests and four guns of 120mm caliber. The underground ammunition depots and other depots have been very wet. The air raid shelters, 20 meters under ground level, have also been unusable because of dampness. The crews of the above mentioned seashore battery, and the machine gun company of a marine infantry unit are in Budva.
  
2. The Narodna Armija (National Army) has announced that the pre-war insignia will be reintroduced in the Yugoslav Army. All ranks which "do not correspond with the national character of the people," such as officer cadet, marine captain 1st class, lieutenant general, et cetera are abolished. Pre-war ranks, such as lieutenant, 1st lieutenant, divisionary colonel, frigate-lieutenant, corvette-lieutenant, et cetera are reintroduced. To attain a higher rank, new conditions and service times are prescribed. These are valid not only for the active but also for the reserve officers, active noncommissioned officers and military officials. The service time of a lieutenant is now one year longer, but that of a colonel is one year shorter. Persons with academic (college) degrees obtain the rank of lieutenant after their entry into the Army, with the privilege of serving in this and the next rank one year less than the others. Tito, as commander in chief, has the right to appoint any officer, regardless of his previous rank, to any rank he desires, if the officer in question does something extraordinary. Various examinations have been introduced which must be passed before each advancement, as was the custom in pre-war Yugoslavia. For reserve officers no examinations are necessary, but the rank of major in the reserve can be obtained only after successfully passing an examination. Many troop exercises are obligatory for reserve officers.

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In principle a Yugoslav reserve officer can never be appointed a colonel or general in peacetime. Army leaders favor the entry of graduates of technical high schools and technical colleges into the army as active officers. First they attend a reserve officer's school, after which they are appointed active officers.

3. The best officers and noncommissioned officers who are members of the Communist Party are being transferred step by step to south Serbia. Greek Communist officers, who fled to Yugoslavia after the Civil War, are taken into the Yugoslav Army in their old ranks. Allegedly they are being used for various special duties near the Greek frontier.
4. In Kranj, Slovenia, there is a school for partisans maintained by the Yugoslav Army. At present there are about 600 former Spanish Communist terrorists in this school who receive special training, the aim of which is unknown.

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