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LITHUANIANS:

On Mar. 15 and 16 Mr. Alena Devenis, Chair man of the Executive Committee of VLIKas, and Jonas Matulionis, President, were in Rome to speak with Peter Lozoraits, Lithuanian Minister in Rome and head of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service. Stasys Aymantas from London (a leader of the Lithuanian Resistance Movement, a national lower class group) and Karolis Drunga from Tubingen, Germany, (head of the Lithuanian Resistance Movement, European region) and Dr. Alvert Gerutis, chief Lithuanian diplom representative in Switzerland and recently appointed to Bonn, were also present at the meeting. There is no further information available at the moment as to the outcome of these meetings, but the personalities involved pointed up the continuing split between VLIKas and the national groups. The four national groups make up the Lithuanian Independence. Alliance (see Weekly Report of Mar. 2. 1956), which is now waiting to see what will happen to VLIKas before considering rejoining it.

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