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The Factories "Polana" At OPATOVCE-NOVA VES

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The production of textiles in the factories "Polana" in OPATOVCE-NOVA VES leaves much to desire. Because they are deprived of all privileges, the employees of these factories are disgusted and show no enthusiasm in their work to speed up transports to the USSR.

There is an employee, TISOVCIK Helena, an enthusiastic Communist, who perpetually betrays her work comrades. She has acquired the nickname of "traitress" (lonci) and reports all acts of sabotage occurring in the factory. One time after giving information of this sort, she found that her weavers' loom had been tampered with and was out of use. TISOVCIK, seeing that her denunciations had no effect on the workers and did not stop them from committing acts of sabotage, wrote an open letter to the "UJ-SZO," a magazine of the Hungarian minority, asking for the punishment of the saboteurs.

Our source received a letter from another worker SKRBEKOVA Julia, in which she states that in every factory (she worked in three factories all told) one will find types like TISOVCIK Helena in the majority, who denounce their fellow workers. They receive their orders from an official of the Communist Party and work under the banner of patriotism. She tells us that these traitors are known and will pay their "debts." She finished her letter with these words, "It is known that the "traitress" does not have a free conscience as she will not leave the factory alone for fear that her comrades might take their vengeance. Her husband always waits outside the factory for her to protect her from the hate of her fellow workers."

EVAL. COMMENT: Authenticity unknown. OPATOVCE-NOVA VES, a village in the district MODRY KAMEN, county BANSKA BYSTRICA. Names unconfirmed.