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A "Democratic Office for the Near and Middle East" has reportedly been established in SOFIA by the Turkish poet HIKMET Nazim. The "Office" will operate as a propaganda and intelligence center and will be run by a committee composed of Middle Eastern Communists, with HIKMET as chief. Committee members are said to include MUSTAFA Hasan and KUDAH Arif (Syria,) TARIK Arif (Iraq,) and DELIORMAN Torgut, TUNCU Sidki, and ARDINEI Fahri (Turks who entered the Soviet Union in the spring of 1951.)

EVAL. COMMENT: HIKMET Nazim came to Bulgaria during the Bulgarian-Soviet month of friendship, (15 September to 15 October 1951) and developed an active anti-Turk propaganda on behalf of the USSR and Bulgaria. There was quite a lot of talking about him in the Bulgarian press and broadcasts. Since the end of this period his name has not been published anymore.

The forming of a "Democratic Office for the Near and Middle East" in SOFIA, with the mentioned purposes, corresponds to the Soviet and Bulgarian line of policy, but is UNCONFIRMED.