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PRISONS & CAMPS

Former Fascists To Become Fellow-Travelers.

Political indoctrination courses for released prisoners are held in BRATISLAVA, SASTIN, RUSOVCE and several other places. Communist indoctrinators explain to the ex-prisoners that the Communist regime considers them particularly reliable, as they have been politically reeducated in prison, and now have a chance to become useful citizens of their people's democratic country. In Slovakia several former political prisoners were given responsible positions in industry, and are doing well as Communists.

Prison guards were instructed to give better treatment to prisoners serving terms for former fascist activities. Prison administrations were asked to submit to the STB separate lists of those fascist prisoners who will be released after completion of their term. The Communists intend to build up a corps of reliable servants from former fascist prisoners.

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EVAL. COMMENT:
Source : fairly reliable
Information: possible, partly confirmed by other evidence.