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EDUCATION

Universities and Colleges  
Teachers

High Schools In Bulgaria

SOURCE ROME: A Bulgarian engineer emigrating to Israel via Italy. He left SOFIA on 19 March 1952.

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One of the first tasks of the new regime was to conquer the youth. This, of course, was possible through their education and a proper selection of teachers. The universities and high schools were entrusted to pre-war teachers, but the management of these schools and their political direction was taken over by representatives of the regime.

Therefore, the president of the University of SOFIA is professor NADZAKOFF Georges, a physicist. NADZAKOFF is a Communist and also Chairman of the Society of the Lovers of Peace. He received a beautiful car from CERVENKOFF, using it in such a way as to be seen by everybody. The dean of the medical faculty is professor POPOFF (fnu), who is known all over Europe as a first class physician. He is not a Communist and is even considered an adversary of the regime, but thanks to his reputation and the difficulty in substituting him, he is still tolerated.

The dean of the philosophical faculty and at the same time chairman of the Bulgarian Science Academy is Prof. PAVLOFF Teodor. The latter enjoys great confidence with the regime and is one of the experts on Marxist dialectics. He took over the philosophical faculty from Professor MICHALCHEV (fnu), who was removed from his position as he followed the philosophy of RENKI.

The Polytechnical High School is completely in the hands of teachers adhering to the regime. The president is BALEWSKI Angel, vice-president KWARTYRNIKOFF (fnu). Both are Party members and completed their studies in MOSCOW. IVANOFF Bojan is one of the most pro-Communist professors and had been in MOSCOW for the whole period of his studies. The president of

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SVICHTOV Academy is Professor TARGOV (fnu). He, too, is a member of the Party.

The youth is organized in the DSEM (Dimitrovski Sojus na Narodnata Mladess) which follows the example of the KOMSOMOL.

This youth publishes a paper called the "Narodna Mladess." According to our sources, many young Bulgarian scientists are studying at Soviet Universities, and return to take over professorships at Bulgarian universities once they completed their practical studies in the Soviet Union. Therefore, it is to be feared that the regime will dismiss all pre-war professors within a few years, substituting them with teachers trained in Moscow.

EVAL. COMMENT: BALEWSKY is professor of mechanical technology at the State Polytechnicum, "STALIN" at SOFIA (see Rab.Delo on 12 January 1952) KWARTYRNIOFF is president of the State Polytechnicum "Stalin" at SOFIA (see Rab.Delo on January 26, 1952).

No information about IVANOFF Boyan and TARGOV. Rest of report is correct.