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ILLEGAL LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED AMONG STUDENTS IN  
BRATISLAVA AND KOSICE

SOURCE MUNICH: Confidential source.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: October 1956.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: In the early stage of the Hungarian uprising, toward the end of October 1956, leaflets were circulated among students of the BRATISLAVA and KOSICE universities. The leaflets, signed "Ernest SYKORA, Slovak vice-minister of education" called upon the students to follow the example given by the Hungarian youth and fight for their "democratic rights."

EVALUATION COMMENT: This kind of leaflets (and its distribution in KOSICE) is reported for the first time. On the other hand, the following facts can be added: on October 26 1956, the first issue of a leaflet which contained the news broadcast by Hungarian patriots, appeared in BRATISLAVA. (VIENNA RFE Item No.11066/56.) On November 9 and 10, about 30 BRATISLAVA students, among them two employees of the Slovak University, were arrested on charge of distributing leaflets (VIENNA RFE Item No.11124/56.) On November 11, Radio PRAGUE announced the arrest of one Arnost BRANT who also had distributed "inflammatory" leaflets in the Slovak capital during the Hungarian uprising.

Beyond this, we recall the evidence of anti-regime attitude of BRATISLAVA students submitted in April-May this year also corroborating the veracity of this report.

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Podle informací z velmi dobře zpravených míst byly v prvních dnech maďarského povstání na slovenských vysokých školách rozšiřovány protikomunistické letáky.

V letáčích - šlo o formu osobního dopisu - byli slovenští vysokoškoláci vyzýváni k tomu, aby následovali zářného příkladu maďarských kolegů. Na letáčích byl údajně podepsán poverenik školství Ernest SÝKORA.

Letáky kolovaly mezi vysokoškoláky na Komenského universitě v BRATISLAVĚ a na veterinářské fakultě v KOŠICÍCH.

Zasluhou slovenských vysokoškoláků bylo znění letáků známo i mezi pražskými studenty.

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