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COMMUNIST PARTY  
Personalities

SOCIAL STRUCTURE  
Upper Class

Communist Aristocrats.

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ILIEV Boris is the son of the Communist legal advisor of the Ministry of Industry. He is a slender young man, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown-haired, without distinguishing marks and addicted to sport clothes. Young Boris lives with his family, consisting of father, mother and a sister, on Dunav Str. 47 in SOFIA.

The thing that makes Boris interesting is that he is one of the prominent young Communists in Bulgaria today. At present, he is a law student at the SOFIA University (Sweti Kliment Ohridski.)

The residence of the ILIEVS, one of SOFIA's leading post-war families, is both, large and well furnished, but that again is typical of the Communist Party in Bulgaria. Boris, however, is one of the young Communist elite. He entertains extravagantly and frequently, and for this purpose uses either several of the rooms of the house on Dunav Street, or a little villa called "Milca," which the family owns on the outskirts of SOFIA. But what makes Boris really outstanding is his good taste in wine, clothes and associates.

If one were fortunate enough to attend a party held by him in "Milca," one would see his numerous beautiful female acquaintances and witty young men who are usually seen consorting at the cafés "Savoja" and "Luxor" in SOFIA. His parties have become a talk of the town. As a rule, the program is as follows at these affairs: drinks consisting of vodka are served, followed by "Trojanska Slivovitza," while the ladies consume either

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white Italian Vermouth or Sherry Brandy. No shortage of either liqu-ors or other alcoholic beverages otherwise exists at any of these youthful Communist informal functions. It might be added that "Lucky Strike" appears to be the favorite cigarette of this elite group.

The orgies that are celebrated in "Milca" include dancing in the nude, promiscuous consortation and everything else that goes with excessive drinking and total lack of morals; Boris invariably taking the initiative on these occasions.

Boris many times has stated that he is misunderstood at home and claims to be in love with a young student, named Mary (LNU), whom he wants to marry. However, his father opposes this marriage for reasons unknown to him. Boris is insistent that some day he will be able to marry Mary, and on the occasion of one of these parties he held a mock wedding ceremony, whole most of the guests, including Boris and Mary, were in a state of complete deshabilité. Boris, the gentleman, occasionally is seen in the early morning hours in SOFIA escorting some of his guests home in his small grey convertible. "

Whether or not his associates agree with his mode of living is unknown. However, it must be remembered that Boris is a powerful young Communist functionary, and is the actual head of the Communist academic sports organization in SOFIA. His sponsor at the university and in the Communist Party is Professor PAVLOV Stefan. But these facts alone do not make Boris the influential young gentleman that he is. In fact, and this is known only to a more intimate circle of his friends, Boris is a secret agent of the State Security Police (DC.) The villa "Milca" is considered by some to be a proving ground for prospective Communist functionaries. In other words: how do the young Communists react to the so-called bourgeois standard of living? And how much will they talk when subjected to untold quantities of liquor and beautiful women?

EVAL. COMMENT: A very successful report on the life and activities of nowadays youth, belonging to the upper class, in Bulgaria.