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Personalities

Criticism

Inner life

Criminal activities

RESISTANCE

Underground

Communist Activities In TERVEL.SOURCE ISTANBUL:

Turkish ethnic emigrant.

DATE OF OBSERVATION:

1951.

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It was obvious enough that at almost every meeting held by Communist leaders in TERVEL city nothing tangible was achieved after long and bitter debates on some issue. The Communists stated that the Bulgarian people were moving away from collectivization and that it was no use forcing them to do things which they did not want to. In one of the meetings a Communist (NU) even said that neither he nor the people were naive any longer, that no good had come from being loyal to the Party and that it was high time to take notice of the broadcasts from LONDON and America. He said that there was a lot of truth in what the democratic nations said. Higher authorities were confused when they realized that their orders were being disobeyed by their subordinates. They claimed that the cause of discontent among Communists was listening to foreign broadcasts based on lies. Their main appeal was to get back to what they called "normality." A great number of Communists stated they would be normal if they could live a peaceful life and that was out of the question for a Communist Party administrator.

A lot of guerrilla activities were reported during the last three months in the villages near TERVEL. Militia forces sent from SOFIA made thorough investigations in ORLIAK village and a great number of peasants were arrested for no good reason.

The only two Communists who continue terrorization in TERVEL are POPOV Ivan and HAMUTCHIEV Georgi. POPOV Ivan, 50 years old, tall, lame, president of the people's council, has a reputation of accepting bribes. He is of a very mean character and rapes the beautiful women of TERVEL. He is very cruel toward those who refuse to join the kolkhoz. After having beaten STOYANOV Ivan, PAMUKOV Dimitir Tenev and NEDELICHEV Peter savagely for 10 days he deported them to an unknown destination.

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HAMUTCHIEV Georgi, president of the TERVEL Communist Party, is ready to do anything in order to obtain a promotion. He lives in constant fear of being killed by the people. According to rumors HAMUTCHIEV is responsible for the imprisonment of GICHEV Dimitar, KOEV Ivan and DASKALOV Kosta. These three members of the Agrarian Party are tortured in the most barbaric manner in the SOFIA prison. Their teeth were knocked out and they were made to sleep on wet cement with a slice of bread per day as food.

EVAL. COMMENT: unconfirmed.