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AGRICULTURE

Control and Disciplinary Measures
Kulaks

AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY LOOKING AROUND FOR A SCAPEGOAT

SOURCE HAMBURG : Confidential source

DATE OF OBSERVATION : Recent

EVAL. COMMENT : The first para is UNCONFIRMED here.
However, subject matter is a part of
a drive against kulaks, which is known from the press.

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A special commission of the Ministry of Agriculture made an appeal to all JZD-associations according to which these associations have to state exactly what crops couldn't be finished during the past winter.

In these reports the JZD-associations have to state what agricultural goods remained on the fields, on what estates this happened and the names of the responsible managers of the estates.

In the appeal mention is made that this proves a "punishable mismanagement" and that "certain saboteurs" are active to paralyse the Czech food supply. First of all the so-called "riches of the village" are made responsible for this "sabotage".

The report cites : "These bad elements must be called to account."

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