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V - 584BULGARIARESISTANCE AND CRITICISMPost-Office Clerk Beats Communist OfficialSOURCE ISTANBUL: Turkish ethnic emigrant
DATE OF OBSERVATION: September 1951

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The 22 September 1951 was an unusual day for the post office at MALKO-TARNOVO. One of the clerks named PAPANCHEV Dimitir refused to obey the Communist Party Secretary (NU) in charge of the post office administration. Within a few minutes PAPANCHEV went a little further when he called the Communist official some names which have the same meaning both in bourgeois and Communist phraseology. The red feelings of the administration chief were deeply hurt and without thinking of the consequences, he seized Dimitir by the lapel in an effort to prove to the highly curious personnel and to the people watching the scene that no such thing toward a representative of the Communist Party would be tolerated. Within a few minutes a fight flared up and PAPANCHEV delivered some of his best uppercuts to the Communist official who, surprised to realize that Communist officials are highly vulnerable, too, ran out of the building and went to court to complain for such "outrageous anti-Communist attitude." The court was very sympathetic toward the battered and bruised administration chief, and saved the honor of the Party by immediately dismissing from the post office PAPANCHEV and his wife Elenka, who was also a clerk there, for their "disrespectful and riotous attitude toward an official of the Communist Party."

EVAL. COMMENT: UNCONFIRMED, could be true.