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BULGARIA

COMMUNIST PARTY (0600)
Personalities (0606)

PARTY BOSSES.

SOURCE ISTANBUL: A 29-year -old Bulgarian doctor, a native of ASENOVGRAD, who worked as a district doctor in the ELHOVO area until his escape to Turkey in November 1955.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until November 1955.

EVALUATION COMMENT: Of the persons named only Angel ILIEV, who was also reported as President of the Hunters' and Fishers' association in ASENOVGRAD, and State Security chief in ELHOVO, Lieutenant POLIHROV, are known to this office.

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Although an educated and intelligent man, source was unable to name more than a handful of Communists both in his native town, ASENOVGRAD, and at ELHOVO, where he practiced for almost two years as a village doctor. He said that he had no liking for Communist officials and did his best to keep away from them and know as little about them as possible. "One never knows when a Communist 'friend' can cause harm. The only way to be safe is to keep away from them," were his words.

ASENOVGRAD's people's council president is Angel ILIEV, 47-48, married. Source had to see ILIEV on official business on one or two occasions and he found him to be a man of few words, rough looks, and very bad manners.

(fnu) SHIGERMINOV, 48-59, is the chief of the M.V.R. (Ministry of the Interior) department at ASENOVGRAD. All that source knows about him is that he is a former guerrilla fighter who now holds the rank of captain with the troops of the Ministry of the Interior. He goes about his business in full uniform.

(fnu) RUSHEV and (fnu) SHIKERIMOV, both fortyish, are members of the D.S. at ASENOVGRAD. RUSHEV is a former partisan who is always seen in civilian clothes while SHIKERIMOV is more often seen in uniform.

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From among ELHOVO Communists source knows the names only of Ivan TODOROV, assistant borough people's council president; (fnu) ZAGORCHEV, a people's council official in charge of delivery quotas; and (fnu) POLIHRONOV, chief of the ELHOVO D.S.

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