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Purge Of "Rabotnichesko Delo"  
Staff

SOURCE ATHENS: Diplomatic

DATE OF OBSERVATION: May 1952

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It is known that four Russian "translators" took up their duties in the office of the Bulgarian Communist Party newspaper "Rabotnichesko Delo" on 6 May 1952. Since then 14 members of the newspaper's staff have been dismissed, allegedly because of "diminution of devotion toward the Bulgarian Communist Party and Marxist ideals." The inference drawn by informed quarters from this coincidence is that the four Russian "translators" are in fact agents of the Soviet security authorities. A previous purge of the newspaper's staff, in which 17 were dismissed, occurred in March 1952.

EVAL. COMMENT: No information available