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State Concern For Collection Of Organic Fertilizer In  
KAPOSTVAR.

SOURCE TRIESTE: Item No. 12117/52

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until May 1952

EVAL. COMMENT: A description of an utterly routine procedure, in full accordance with Item No. 12153/52, dealing with the activities of the same enterprise in BAJA.

The name under reference is UNCONFIRMED.

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The Szervestraggyagujto és Kereskedelmi Vállalat, established in 1950, is one of the most ridiculous inventions of the present Communist regime. The offices of this enterprise are situated at 22, Foucca Street (at present Május 1 u.) and its depots are at 6 Gilica Street where there used to be the storehouses for mineral oils of the Fanto Company.

This office has the task of collecting all the contents of the sewers of the houses lying in the outskirts of the town. Every fortnight the workers of this concern go around the houses to put peat into the privies in order to produce manure. When the sewers are full up, the owners of the houses have to inform the concern so that the latter can take care of emptying them. Then the contents of the sewers are deposited in the streets in front of the houses where they are once more mixed with peat. After this operation the whole stuff is put onto carts which take it to the depots, scattering their contents all over the streets. This work is always done during the day-time and the day-time and the smell of the sewage spreads all through the district.

The carts deliver the sewage to the depots in the Gilica Street where it remains for the whole spring and summer. This depot is situated hardly 80 m away from the food market, but the authorities don't care, and the smell reached even as far as the center of the town.

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In the autumn the manure is transported by rail or by trucks to the state farms and kolkhozes of the province.

The peat used for this manure comes from the marshes of the Salaton Lake.

The owners of the houses concerned have to pay a monthly fee of eight foring for these services, which fee has to be delivered to the above-mentioned office.

Most of the workers engaged by the concern are gypsies living in the Nadasdi colony in the outskirts of the town. Its manager is the 32-year-old fanatical Communist TORMA Jozsef, known as an old lazy-bones.

This concern is the laughing-stock of the whole population and forms the subject of the numerous cynical jokes and a lot of gossip.

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