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Leading Communists In SLIVEN

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GOTMANOV Dimitar, 35, brown-eyed, married, of medium height, has been president of the SLIVEN Security Organization since 1949. Previous to 9 September 1944, he was a member of the guerrilla group in the Sliven mountains. He has a reputation of being very cunning and is responsible for the arrest of 115 people in 1951.

He walks around the city and villages in disguise provoking the people to talk against Communism and then has them arrested by police. The arrested are sent to concentration camps in Svishtov and Dobrudja. GOTMANOV is frequently seen with Soviet generals and on every occasion stated his dislike for the Bulgarian officers. He pays regular visits to RUSNAK (fnu), the Soviet general living at Graf Ignatiev street No 6, and gives information about the anti-Communists in the country.

KESKINOV Dimitar, the inspector general of Bulgarian prisons, was chief of the SLIVEN militia till 1949. In December 1949, as a reward for his loyalty to the Communist Party, he was appointed to his present job. Previous to 9 September 1944, he was a Communist guerilla and a clerk in one of the "Nar-koop" stores.

General RUSNAK (fnu), the Soviet Commander of the third Balkan division, lives on "Grad-Ignatiev" street No 6, in the house situated opposite the military club. All security organizations and military units are obliged to report to him every 24 hours.

BALTADZHIEV Georgi, the president of the "okoliyski naroden savet otdel targoviye i prodovolstviye" (supply and commercial branch of the country committee) is 35 years old, of medium height and married. He is very mean and instead of distributing the cheese and butter allocations of the people, he uses faked documents and sells these foodstuffs to Government stores at black market prices.

YANAKIEV Krastu, 44, married, the president of the boysite protif Fashizama (organization of fighters against Fascism,)

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was in SLIVEN prison and condemned to death as a political prisoner prior to the advent of Communism in Bulgaria. On 9 September 1944, he was released and appointed secretary to the Sliven Communist Party.

KRASTEV Todor, 28, married, secret agent of the Security Organization, was a sergeant in the first militia headquarters till 1948. He is frequently seen traveling in trains in a peasant's outfit, deceiving people by telling them he is an anti-Communist guerrilla. On 2 November 1951, he arrested three peasants at the JELOVOYVODA station for cursing against Communism.

PETKOV Dino, 25, short, married, a secret agent with the SLIVEN Security Organization, is a very cruel person. To terrorize people, he uses most queer methods; in the spring of 1951 he wrote "long live America" on the walls of the inn belonging to MASLINKOV Hristo and then, accusing the customers of anti-Communist activities, he arrested them.

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