

LL  
17 Mar  
XI - 246

BULGARIA

EXILE

Communist Espionage of Exiles

New Soviet Service Organized To Frustrate  
Escapes

SOURCE ATHENS: No information available.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period

\* \* \* \*

According to an authoritative report, the Soviets are organizing a special counter-intelligence service within the western zones of Germany and Austria to spy on refugee organizations planning and financing the escape of persons from behind the Iron Curtain. In Austria the service will operate directly under the new Soviet Deputy High Commissioner, Maj.Gen. KRASKEVICH (fnu), who has just arrived in BADEN to replace Maj.Gen. ZINEV. KRASKEVICH is known as an expert on intelligence, as is his chief assistant, Col. TCHERNICHENKO.

EVAL. COMMENT: The Soviets, as well as all the Satellite countries display great interest in the activities of their exiles, but details about the abovementioned special intelligence centers are lacking.