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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTRY /3800/
Monuments /3801/

STEFANIK STATUE IN POVAZSKA BYSTRICA REMOVED.

SOURCE SALZBURG: A 50-year-old office clerk who arrived in Austria in May 1956.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: December 1955.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: See the title, please.

EVALUATION COMMENT: We are in no position to confirm the information given, General M.R. ŠTEFANIK who was one of the closest cooperators of T.G. MASARYK is now classified by the Communist historians as a "reactionary," etc. See "Hlas Revoluce" of June 1 1956, article by L. HOLOTÍK. As far as the Slovak population's feelings are concerned, please see SALZBURG RFE Item No 6493/56.

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Začiatkom decembra 1955 bola v POVAŽSKEJ BYSTRICI na príkaz MNV odstránená socha Generála Milana Rastislava ŠTEFÁNKA i s podstavcom.

Aby sa zbytočne nedráždilo obyvateľstvo, práce boli prevedené cez noc.

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