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1. Edvard Kardelj is now the leading personality in the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia (FCY) in the estimate of the FCY members Kardelj's majority in the Central Committee is so strong that even Tito must give way to him. Sava Kosanovic subscribes to this opinion and calls Kardelj the "gendarme of the Party". His support in the FCY comes from poorly educated persons who received their positions during and after the war. These persons do not follow him because of his ideological competence, but only in order to preserve their positions in Communist Yugoslavia. In the FCY he is generally respected. 25X1
2. Kardelj especially enjoys the support of the Slovenes who received their key posts in the Party, in Government and in various enterprises through him, the late Boris Kidric and Franc Leskosek. However, Tito is opposed to Kardelj, not only because of the latter's growing prestige, but also because he is better versed in Communist dogma. Kardelj was always an enemy of Djilas, and his relations with Mosa Pijade are not good.
3. Kardelj is an intelligent and dynamic Communist devoted to the FCY and energetically fighting for the application of its current dogmas throughout Yugoslavia. He is an able and far-sighted organizer.
4. After Tito and Kardelj, the following is the rank of the top leaders of the FCY:
 - a. Aleksandar Rankovic;
 - b. Mosa Pijade;

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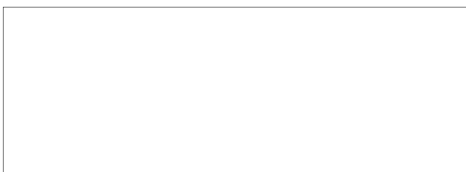
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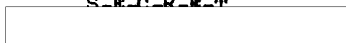
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- c. Blazo Jovanovic;
- d. Petar Stambolic;
- e. Ivan Gosnjak;
- f. Vladimir Bakaric;
- g. Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo;
- h. Djuro Pucar-Stari;
- i. Lazar Kolisevski.



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