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1. On 7 Apr 52, using its new long wave station, Radio Prague reported a meeting of the employees of the Biogena National Corporation, which was a demonstration against "American bacteriological warfare in Korea".

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2. Biogena [redacted] is quite important as it is the only known producer of antibiotics in any of the Soviet Satellites. As early as 1951, Czechoslovakia was exporting penicillin to Poland, Hungary, and Rumania.

3. Until about 1950, Biogena was not independent, but a part of the State Health Institute (Statni Zdravotni Ustav), a very large organization which centralized medical research and pharmaceutical production, but did not actually engage in the treatment of patients. After World War II, when the US supplied Czechoslovakia with equipment for making penicillin, the State Health Insitute was responsible for the scientific work involved in setting up the new penicillin factory in Roztoky u Prahy. [redacted] in 1950 [redacted] the State Health Institute was reorganized and the name changed to State Hygiene Institute (Statni Zdravotnicky Ustav). Some of the departments, including Biogena, were given the status of independent national corporations, and some of the work of the Institute was transferred to the military. Even so, the Institute remained under rigid supervision with regard to security and it is still considered an organization of first importance.

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4. For many years (and as late as August 1951) the headquarters and some of the laboratories of the State Institute of Health were located in Prague-Kralovske Vinohrady, near the State Vinohrady Hospital (Statni Vinohradska Nemocnice). The Institute was made up of several two and three-story buildings and occupied an area about the size of a city block. The main plant of Biogena was located in Roztoky u Prahy, but even after the reorganization, the management of Biogena remained on the premises of the State Hygiene Institute in Prague-Kralovske Vinohrady.

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5. The General Manager of Biogena in August 1951 was Milada (or Marie) Mlcochova, MD

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6. More important than Dr Mlcochova in the Biogena Corporation was Dr (fnu) Malek, the responsible Communist Party official in Biogena who held the title of Deputy Director. He is the brother of the well known Communist, Dr Ivan Malek who is a professor of medicine at the University of Prague.

7. Docent (fnu) Raska, another official of the State Hygiene Institute,

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Raska was head of the Department of Bacteriological Research of the Institute. According to radio broadcasts, he has been the main speaker at various "antibacteriological demonstrations" staged as anti-American propaganda by the Communist regime.

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his wife, Docent Dr (fnu) Raskova was a section chief in the Ministry of Health.

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