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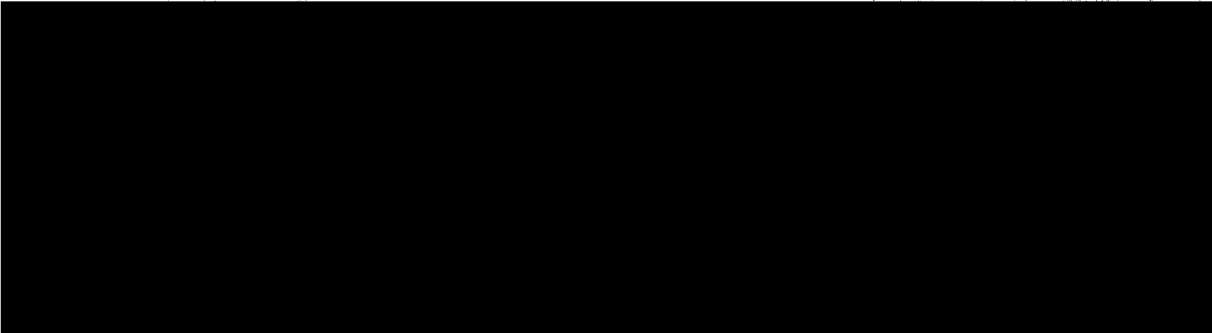
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1. Thousands of people attended the funerals in Strumica of the five students killed by the UDB near Dorlobosh. The Militia was unable to prevent people from entering the cemetery. The bodies were examined at the cemetery by Dr. Alexandar Belev, the father of one of the victims, who stated that the bodies had been mistreated and that the students were shot from a short distance. The body of Boris Belev had many bruises on it and two bullet wounds in the head.
2. The Town Committee of the Communist Party became concerned because of the reaction of the people in Strumica to the news of the death of the students, and they decided to hold meetings in various enterprises in Strumica to explain that the students were lawfully killed while they were attempting to escape to Greece.
3. Risto Pilicev, Organization Secretary of the Town Committee, was ordered to speak at a meeting held in a brick factory on 16 August 1951. Pilicev told the workers present that the students were sons of bourgeois parents. He stated that Kiro Topcev, the father of the murdered student, Stevo, was a tavern keeper prior to World War II and had exploited the poor people; moreover, that Tushe Jarmov, the father of Georgi Jarmov, was a factory owner prior to World War II and had exploited his workers. He further stated that Dr. Velev was now exploiting the poor people and was earning 50,000 dinars per month from their misery.
4. Pilicev said that these persons were not liquidated after the war because it was hoped that they would improve their behavior in the new society. The sons of these men were permitted to attend schools, but they did everything in their power against the Communist Party and the State. Therefore, according to Pilicev, it was right that they should be killed while attempting to escape to Greece. Pilicev warned that this would happen to anyone that tried to escape from Yugoslavia.

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