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in Trieste

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1. Slovenes

There is a move among Slovene emigres in Trieste, especially among those with political background, to induce Slovenes to emigrate from Trieste. The SLS, the Matija Glas and Liberal groups have sponsored this move.

SLS people assert that the activity of Matija Glas was weakened notably by the departure from Germany to the United States of Drs. SKALAN, KLIPOVEC and GRILEC. It also was said that the position of Dr. SEREK in America will be greatly strengthened by the recent departure of Dr. ADLESKA for the United States.

Logic?

Emigre and native supporters of the SLS in Trieste, such as Ing. SCRECAR, Dr. POSTOVAN, SEBILJ and others claim that they have received orders from the illegal Slovenski Narodni Odbor in Ljubljana to maintain the least possible contact with Serb organizations abroad, since the pre-war position of the Slovenes with the Serbs remains unchanged.

Public employees of Slovene nationality, including sentries, noncoms and officers in the VG police, have begun to report en masse to IRO, requesting permission to emigrate. It is believed that they are doing this on directions from superiors abroad.

2. Serbs

(Lt. Colonel) Sinisa OCOKOLJIC-BAJANAC, who resides in Como, Italy, now is trying to establish himself in Trieste. It is rumored that he is replacing Milos ACIL-VUJIC, who proved ineffectual with the Americans and left Trieste. OCOKOLJIC is attempting to gather about him the group which belonged to the former illegal radio station, "Freedom or Death". Among them are Dimitrije DJURICA, Radojica DAMJANOVIC, Ilija KALENIC and Alexander BOJISLOVIC. OCOKOLJIC is

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attempting to establish contact with the G-2 TRUST officer, Capt. George MILKOVIC, whom he knows from the time MILKOVIC was with the Chetniks as a member of the wartime American Mission to Yugoslavia.

Former Yugoslav Captain Mile BABIC, assistant to Vojvoda Porcilo XUVIIC, recently wrote to friends in Trieste from Paris that when DUJIC arrived in the U.S., he was met by an official of the Department of State and immediately brought to Washington for a session with a representative of Secretary ACHESON. Later he was allegedly in conference with three other Yugoslavs, discussing the progress of the cold war. In this letter BABIC urges his people to bear up for a short time longer, for action will soon start and there will be adequate financial assistance. He further states that he received 300 affidavits and is negotiating for the emigration of former Chetniks from England to the United States.

Thirty-five Serb immigrants residing in the PTT, and their families, received affidavits for emigration to the United States. These affidavits were issued on the basis of Act of Congress 744-80 and were made possible through the American-Canadian Orthodox Church in Libertyville, Illinois.

3. Creata *ulstara aktivnoy T...*

Establs in Trieste are attempting to organize a local Creata center. The center supposedly will be located at Via Roma 17. Principal leaders of the group are: Ivo VRANJEVIC, alias ZNAJEVIC, Bude MIKIC and PAZO (Anu). This is supposed to parallel the activities of an organization in Buenos Aires, which centers about the newspaper, Sloboda, and an Ustasha organization in Madrid, which publishes Vitezovi Sv. Jakoba (Knights of St. Jacob).

In August of this year, Antun CILICA came to Trieste for a few days. Formerly Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party Croatia (1922-26), and correspondent for various Italian, English, French and other newspapers, he was seen frequently in the company of American and English newsmen. He also was observed visiting the Italian news agency, Astra. While in Trieste, he made a special effort to gather from friends various newspapers, brochures and books on Yugoslavia.

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