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Last week I received a large brochure from Paris, printed on 12-28-51 by the publishing house Les Iles D'Or, in the French tongue under the title "La Yougoslavie Sous La Menace Interieuse et Exterieuse, by A. Ciliga, former member of the Politburo of the Yugoslav Communist Party.

In a conversation which I had three days ago in Washington with Macek and Peselj, they told me that the brochure has been sent to all the exiled groups. Its author, Ciliga is a Croat from Istria, former Italian citizen. At one time he was a zealous Communist but lately it seems that he has repudiated the Communist doctrines.

The brochure contains a short but quite interesting revelation of the happenings in Yugoslavia during Tito's time. The author is Croat with a regional, Croatian and Catholic mentality. He is very much against the Serbs. He has spoken with deep sympathy for the Albanians in Yugoslavia and for the Macedonians. He behaves assa person against Tito and decidedly in favor of the cooperation of Tito with the western democracies.

The brochure, among other things, contains also the noting of statistics of ethnic groups of Yugoslavia on the basis of the census taken in Yugoslavia in 1948. The statistics referring to the Albanian population in Yugoslavia are incorrect, falling short approximately one fourth of the true figure.

However, the brochure, without being called a masterpiece, contains material which is worth the effort of study.

I don't know whether you have received this brochure. If not I can send it for study for a time. I may give it to our friend B. should he come here this week or next. If his coming will be delayed, I can send it to you by mail.

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