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- Source believes that there is a widespread belief in other countries that the youth of Latvia are growing up in an alien, i.e., non-Latvian, spirit. However, informant feels that there is no basis for this belief because the Soviets are hated and despised by the Latvians. No one has time to think of ideologies these days because life is a hard struggle for existence, i.e., to obtain food and clothing and to survive until the time of liberation. No one thinks about Latvian - Soviet co-existence, and the present situation is considered to be a temporary one. Likewise, the Socialistic ideas of Bruno Kaldins are not popular in Latvia and no one wants his return.
- The people of Latvia are dissatisfied with VOA broadcasts. They would like the programs to be shorter, more to the point, and factual, with less emphasis on long interviews. The listeners are also of the opinion that the broadcasts should be less frequent, since there is not enough time to listen to them. Items such as the street demonstrations in Stockholm against the Soviets following the airplane incident and the occupation of the Russian Legation in Switzerland should be given in short factual form, since these incidents show the attitude of the free peoples in the West toward the Soviets.
- There is much less fear of the MVD in Latvia these days; it is not considered all-powerful any more, and individuals even go to MVD offices and complain in a loud manner.
- There are juvenile gangs of mixed nationality operating throughout Latvia, which are very bold in their robberies.

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