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1. There are 812 escapees from the Satellites who wish to emigrate from Yugoslavia now being held in one camp in the north of that country. These are "all who wish to emigrate". Six hundred of these persons are men, 212 women. Six hundred thirty-nine are Albanians, 54 Hungarians, 2 Greek Macedonians, 23 Rumanians, one stateless, 87 Bulgarians, five Czechs and one Pole. The majority of these persons are between the ages of 18 and 24, but there are 40 persons over 60 years of age and 95 are children less than five years of age. Two hundred fifty-seven are farmers, and 121 are housewives. There are 401 who wish to emigrate to the United States, 190 to Australia and 154 to Canada. The overall figure of escapees in Yugoslavia is difficult to determine.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Yugoslav authorities are receptive to the idea of allowing a fixed number of these persons to leave on a monthly basis if it were impossible to move the group as a whole. The Yugoslav Government is unwilling, however, to allow agencies like the Red Cross to have contact with these refugees, on the grounds that the resulting publicity could be used by the USSR and the Satellites to pressure Yugoslavia for access to the refugees. The Yugoslavs are willing, however to provide complete dossiers in each case.

1. Comment: An effort will be made to provide accurate statistics on the total number of Satellite refugees in Yugoslavia.

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Comment: On 7 March, [ ] reported that 100 Bulgarian escapees being held in a camp at Stari Becej in the Vojvodina also wish to go to the West.

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