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Bulgarian-Yugoslav Relations

1. The reestablishment of relations between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia was not looked upon with favor by the Bulgarian people. Traditionally enemies of the Yugoslavs, the Bulgarians are convinced that the return to normalcy in the diplomatic relations of the two countries was brought about by Moscow for purposes which as yet are not evident.

Reaction to Foreign Radio Broadcasts

2. Foreign radio broadcasts are listened to by an ever increasing number of Bulgarian people, but with indifference. The promises of help, of an imminent "liberation", and so forth, are no longer believed anywhere since after so many years of promises which have brought about no concrete results, any remaining hope has vanished.
3. Broadcasts are now listened to only because the people have the satisfaction of doing something contrary to the wishes of the government, and in order to keep abreast of news events which the Bulgarian papers "tone down" or do not report at all.
4. Among the various foreign radio broadcasts, those in which most trust is placed are the BBC and the Radio Diffusion Francaise, since they are more objective and less apt to make easy promises. Less listened to are the broadcasts coming from the US. Radio Free Europe makes the people "laugh" and at the same time makes them mad because of its habit of turning an everyday occurrence into a "historical event."
5. As a whole, the propaganda broadcasts have become, for listeners, a simple source of news and a means to spite the government.

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