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3. Among the various republics, Serbia is the most difficult for the regime to control because of events which happened during the war. Bosnia-Hercegovina is the easiest to handle because increased industrialisation has created more jobs and has raised the standard of Taving, thereby reducing much of the pre-war misery in this republic. Montemegro must still fall under strict control because here Communism is identified with Russia, while Slovenia and Croatia still need and receive T moderate amount of control because of the trouble the regime has had with the Catholic Church. More federal control is not needed in Macedonia because, now that this republic has obtained its independence from Serbia and has been given its own language, much of its pride has been assuaged. However, it should be noted that among the top Communist leaders, Lasar Kolisentationer Macedonia has the least voice in the affairs of the country.

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