

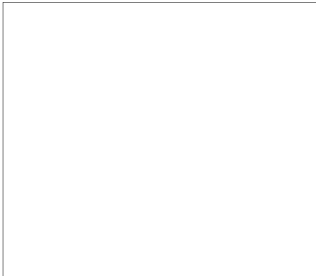
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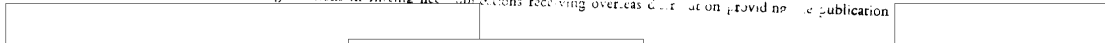


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1. There is a central training camp for parachute troops in the Pusky-Hrabovec [sic] area. It is commanded by Soviets, but the parachutists being trained also come from Poland and Czechoslovakia. The commandant is the Soviet Maj. Pirogov, who has a Polish and a Czech assistant.
2. The Poles and Czechs at the camp are organized into provisional battalions. They come from various units in the Polish and Czech Armies, and are under the best NCOs available in those armies. Teachers of parachute technique are also trained at this point.
3. Aside from training instructors, the camp has the purpose of getting soldiers from the Polish and Czech Armies accustomed to working together and under Soviet command, while they learn the latest battle methods.
4. The Soviets are not at all satisfied with the morale, training and fighting spirit of the Czech formations. They keep them under tight discipline and punish them frequently.
5. The first experiments with the common training of Soviet, Polish and Czech parachutists began in 1952. Apparently the Soviets were satisfied with the results, since they ordered that such common training and exercises should be held in 1954 on a much larger scale, under Soviet leadership. The Poles were handled with special care.
6. Similar common training will probably be held for the other arms, but it is at present confined to parachutists, on whom the Soviets lay great importance.

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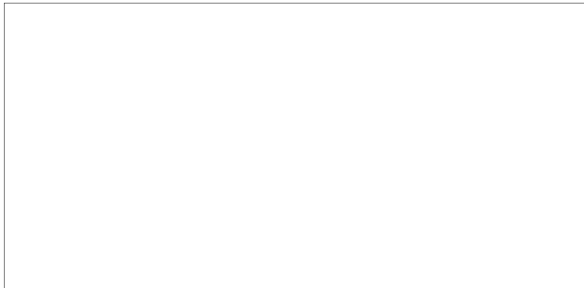
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7. Thus far two groups a year have been trained at the Pusky-Hradovec camp. The first group leaves the camp at the beginning of September.
8. Maj. Piregov has his headquarters in Lvov. His assistant and technical officer is Lt. Karabienko, who is established in Kelomea. The Polish commandant is Capt. Podowsky. The Czech commandant is Capt. Luky. The cover name of the camp is "Uzok."
9. Polish formations attending the school belong to the garrisons of Zio, [sic] Ludomir-oyo [sic] and Ubia. Czech parachutists belong to the garrisons of Ulic and Ulline [sic]-Krive.

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