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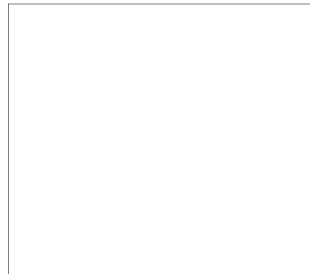
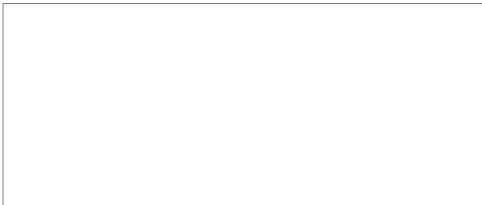


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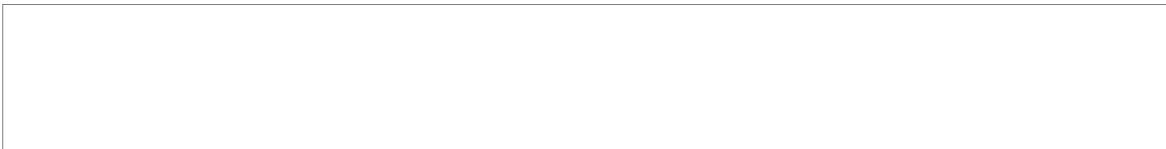
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1. Typewritten leaflets have been clandestinely distributed in the important manufacturing town of Gabreve. They consist entirely of attacks on the regime. They are secretly distributed, not only at Gabreve but also in the neighboring villages.
2. The police have proceeded promptly to repressive measures. They gathered up the leaflets and on 8 May 54 arrested the following individuals:

 Vasil Klevel, schoolmaster
 Pavli Yabakev
 Maro Metchinova (a woman)
 Yefrem Gertshev.
3. All these people were sent to Tarnovo. The charge against them was distributing reactionary papers, hostile to the regime.
4. There were also three arrests at Plevdiv. One of the individuals arrested was a certain Dikran Melkenyan. According to his own story, he belongs to a foreign propaganda service.
5. Nationalists in the Karleve region have also been arrested lately, on charges of holding secret meetings. Documents, discovered by the Communist authorities, show that the accused persons were arranging for sabotage of the delivery of agricultural products to the state. The following were arrested, while actually attending a secret meeting for this purpose:

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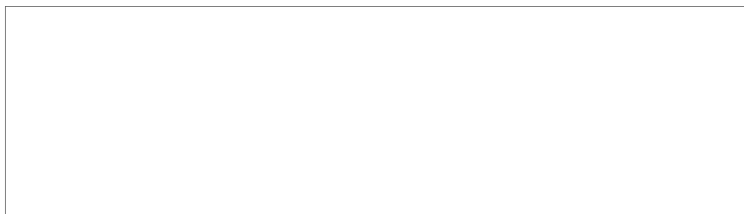


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- 6. The prisoners were denounced by Timofi Drojev, although his name appears on the list of these arrested--a common maneuver. Drojev was a brother-in-law of the president of the Communist Youth Organization of the region. In addition, relatives of the individuals listed above have been arrested, and other arrests are to follow.

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