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1. Thirty Anarcho-Communists were arrested just prior to and during the time of the Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party (18 December 1948). There has been no information on where the arrests took place, or for the motives for the new campaign against the Anarcho-Communists. Some of the arrested have been sent to the Pernik coal mines where many other Anarcho-Communists have been working out their sentence of hard labor.
2. There are two versions as to the reasons for the arrests. The first considers the arrests as a precautionary measure taken by the Sofia authorities just before the opening of the Congress, and the second is that the "terrorists under the direction of the Anarcho-Communists" are being punished for the attempt made in the provinces on the life of a prominent (but unnamed) Communist leader.

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