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1. The Argentine Federal Police have not yet decided on a definite course of action to be taken against Union Eslava officials who were temporarily taken into custody and against whom the Argentine government has initiated deportation proceedings.\* Approximately twenty persons were originally arrested and interrogated in connection with the dissolution of Union Eslava. Included in this group were Pablo Schostakovsky, Union Eslava president, and Antonio Tulic, the secretary general who as of 15 May was not under arrest.
2. Soviet Charge d'Affaires Igor Budarin, who recently conferred with Argentine Foreign Minister Juan A. Bramuglia,\* has assured Antonio Dramazonek, one of Union Eslava's leaders, that no deportations will be made.
3. The Argentine government has been preparing two prison camps which are presumably for undesirable political leaders. One is located in Ushuaia, the other in Chubut.
4. Police authorities have been continuing their investigation of members of the numerous organizations affiliated to the Union Eslava. However, they have found that many rosters have been either hidden or destroyed.
5. A group of pro-Tito followers, including Antonio Paparella, Antonio Zanetic, Jose Ogujic, Emilio Semolic, and Rude Mikulicic, have been attempting to convince the police that they had nothing to do with Union Eslava and that the organizations they represent were not affiliated with it. It appears likely that these individuals were acting on orders from the Yugoslav Legation in Buenos Aires.
6. Fearing that action may be taken against them, Yugoslav Communist groups feel the time is propitious for circulating anti-Communist propaganda. The Croatian Peasant Party, which has remained inactive in Argentina and which has not yet defined its position with regard to a federalized Yugoslavia, is the most likely party in Argentina to gain a large number of converts. The Slovenes in Argentina, most of whom are pro-Tito, will join an anti-Communist party only when they are convinced that a pro-Tito organization will not be tolerated.

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