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- 1. The new Minister of Interior is scheduled to take over within a few days. His name has not yet been announced, but he is alleged to be a former factory worker, completely pro-Cominform.
- 2. A purge is quietly underway within the Bulgarian Army and several ranking officers will be removed.
- 3. Former Minister Chernokolev is reported arrested and being held at Sofia prison. His trial as a "Traikovist" is to start in mid-October 1951.
- 4. Rumors continue to persist in Bulgaria that Vulko Chervenkov is in disfavor and will be replaced.
- 5. General Slavcho Trunski, former Commander of Third Army, is held at Pazardzhik prison as a fascist and a penetration agent of the pro-German Government while acting as a partisan leader.
- 6. Vladimir Poptomov is reportedly being eased out of public life. Rumors to this effect are increasing and his absence has been noted at recent official functions.

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