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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Jugoslavia.

The following report on Jugoslavia has been submitted to this Agent by an informant whose information is considered reliable, but who may have already passed the same information to other Allied Intelligence agencies. This report is being submitted regardless of the above.

1. MILITARY.-

a. On the road LJUBLJANA - VRHNKA near VRHNKA have been noticed many tanks of Soviet origin holding maneuver (see attached newspaper clipping No.1). This particular unit is the 2nd Bn. of the VRHNKA tank Brigade. The Commandant is a certain Major PRIBIC. The battalion is conducting daily maneuvers in conjunction with the Infantry, Artillery and Airforces.

b. The VI Proletarian (East Bosnian) Brigade is located in Ljubljana.

c. The II Proletarian Brigade of the 6th Div. is located in Zagreb.

2. ROADS.-

a. The road LJUBLJANA - TRIESTE is being rebuilt as an "Autostrada". This road is a continuation of the LJUBLJANA - MARIBOR Autostrada.

b. Initial operations in the Ljubljana - Vrhnika section have been completed while in the Ljubljana - section stones are still being laid.

c. The bridge in KRANS is nearly finished.

d. Other bridges in Slovenia, in Savinjska Dolina, the bridge near Kapla, and the new bridge over the river Mura near Petarijka have also been completed.

e. Road construction on the NIS-BEGRAD-SOFIA line was started in September. The road is being built for motor traffic and will be finished in 1948. This road figures in the Soviet-Jugoslav strategic communications set-up. Another report states that the bridge over the MORAVA river near SUPRIJA has been finished.

3. RAILWAYS.-

a. The new railway line PRIBRJE-BOROVNICA is under construction. Construction is also being speeded up on the hydro-central in Maribor (the biggest in Jugoslavia) as well as on the hydrocentrals in SIROVNICA and on the river SAVA in MOSTANA.

The industrial railway line GOLES-V. BELACEVAC is under construction by the Youth Organizations from KOSKOVO and METOHLJA. This line has military priority. (See attached clipping No. 2).

b. The new railway bridge over the SAVA river on the BRCKO-SUNJA-VINKOVCI line was finished the first part of September (See attached clipping No. 3). In Slovenia Youth Organizations have reestablished the railway line OTEVAC-BURKJARCI. In the beginning of September traffic was secured on the SKOPLJE-DJEVAKLJH line. Another line DEMIR-KAPIJA-UDOVO was established. Military units as well as Youth Organizations worked on this line.

4. AGRICULTURE.-

a. The State organization "KOTREB" has 31 buying stations for wood. In VOJVODINA about 90% of the wood has already been purchased. Pressure has been exerted in NOVI SAD, BOMBOR, SUBOTICA and PETROVGRAD on the peasants to turn their wood over to the organization. In the district BRENSKA-NITROVICA very poor results have been obtained due to the activity of the resistance forces ("CRTHIC" and "KRIZARI") where the movement has been sabotaged. Because of the scarcity of wood, the textile factories cannot utilize the cotton received from UNRRA and from Russia. (?)

b. Collective tractor stations have been organized in Jugoslavia for tilling the soil. Parts and professional personnel are to be supplied from Russia. Russian specialists are supervising the "KELJE" farmlands. Discipline is along military lines. (see clipping No. 4). The Ministry of Economy has given a 30 million Dinar credit to members of cooperatives. Individual loans average from 5 to 15,000 Dinars, to be paid within 5 years with 2% interest. Scarcity of rain has ruined animal food and fruit. The winter will see a shortage of animal food.

5. MINING.-

a. The manager of the BOR mines, engineer VUJOVIC states that there is a workers' problem there. The shortage has not been solved by the recruiting of forced labor (political prisoners) because many of the regular miners had to be returned to their villages to help with the harvest. The daily capacity is 90 railway cars. In the first three months the goal was surpassed with a 102.5%. During the month of September new machines for making copper wire were used for the first time. Education courses of the miners is continuing. The BREPCA mines near KOSOVKA MITROVICA have already surpassed their pre-war production capacity. The new process of grinding the ore result in very little waste and a better product. In the lead foundries special furnaces are now being utilized to increase production. The "ZENICA" (foundry and iron works) is working on a three shift day and night basis. Object is to increase steel production. Sabotage however contributes to the failure of this plan. The electrical installations and generators which are complicated to repair are being constantly sabotaged. In the village of GRADICE near Zagreb a new lignite mine has been opened. It is reported to be a vein 9 meters high and will be capable of supplying

enough lignite for all of the industries of Zagreb.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.-

a. 1,000 Dinar notes (supposedly fake) have been entering Jugoslavia. The authorities are investigating.

b. The passenger steamer "HERCSONOVI" which was sunk near ZAIA has been raised and towed to KRALJEVICH to be repaired and reconditioned.

c. Cultural collaboration societies with the USSR have been founded by the government. The aim of these societies is to prepare public opinion for the day when Jugoslavia joins the Soviet Union. In GOSPJA the society is headed by NARA GRKOVIC.

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