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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Resistance Movement in Yugoslavia.

A reliable informant of this office received the following report on the resistance movement against the "TITO" regime in Yugoslavia from white Yugoslav sources recently arrived in Italy: (There is no way of controlling the following information in this office):

1. Natiobalist bands are constantly attacking road and rail traffic in Bosnia, Lika and along the Dalmatian coast. They have succeeded in taking prisoner several representatives and functionaries of the current regime.

In Serbia, in the Pozeski, Crnogorski and Ariljski districts, the nationalist resistance forces are under the command of Major Milos MARKOVIC. They are attacking communications and cooperatives. In the Mociocka, Krusicki and Ariljski districts resistance forces kidnapped and killed representatives of the actual regime who were persecuting the local populations. Major MARKOVIC is collaborating and is in close liaison with Capt. Vuk KALAITOVIC.

2. In the mountain sector of Majeвица there are two fairly strong resistance groups which are very active. One group is under the command of Engineer Moma POPOVIC, and the other is under the command of a student of the Commerce Academy, Dusan POPOVIC. Both groups are constantly attacking the Bracko - Tuzla communications, cooperatives and public buildings. They seem to receive active assistance from the civil population.

3. In Slavonja, in the woods of Podgajci, near the village of Podgajci, a strong unit numbering 600 men is actively operating. They receive support and supplies from the villages of Podgajci, Drenovci, Vrbanja, Soljani and Racinovci. The woods of Podgajci are known as the region where the Communists carried out the execution of hundreds of Nationalists.

4. In the village of Krasno, near Otocac, there is a small group of 50 men under the command of a farmer, Filip BICANIC from Dabar. This group belongs to the "KRIZARI" movement and is well armed and very active.

5. In the woods South of Banat, small anti-Communist propaganda groups are operating, spreading their propaganda amongst the farmers in the region. Similar "propaganda units" operate in Zone "B" and also belong to the "KRIZARI" movement.

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6. In Split (Spalato), units of "KRIZARI" were operating 35 kms. from Split in October.

7. In October, "KRIZARI" units were also operating in the Zagreb area. They are reported to be even venturing in the villages of the area at night. "KRIZARI" have also been reported in the Susak region. Leaders of the "KRIZARI" units are not known since they go under cover names for security reasons.

8. When TITO visited Fiume on 3 November 1946 it is reported that two officers and six soldiers of his escort were assassinated by "KRIZARI" at "Molo Lungo" (Long wharf).

9. In the woods near Banat and Gaj-Dubovac, a small Cetnik group numbering 200 men, under the Command of a certain DJUROVIC, (fnu), are operating and collaborating with Rumanian Resistance Forces against the communists. This group attacked and captured the village of BAVANISTE and cut the hair off the president of the AFZ (Women's Anti-Fascist Association) and forced her to bring a picture of king Peter to hang in the National Committee headquarters.

10. In Western Serbia, in the district of Homolje, near Pozarevac and Valjevo Cetnik units are reported to be operating against the communists.

11. In Western Bosnia and Lika, Cetnik units are under the Command of Joca JEREMIC.

12. In Croatia and Zone "B" of the V.G., Cetnik units are operating with the "KRIZARI". In the mountainous region of Velebit, the "KRIZARI" are under the command of the KOMNJENOVIC brothers, Major MESIC, a former Ustashi officer and Marko BAJDIN from Slunj.

13. Secret orders issued by OZNA in Croatia calls for the immediate execution without trial of any "KRIZAR" captured because up to the present over 450 OZNA officials, agents and informants have been assassinated by "KRIZARI".

14. 12 Cetniks with the aid of 4 soldiers (TITO) escaped recently from the jail in Pozarevac. Sixteen Cetniks escaped and five were killed in escaping from the OZNA jail in Djusina street in Belgrade in late September.

15. In the prison in Sremska Mitrovica there are over 12,000 prisoners confined. In Pozarevac over 7,000, and in Lepoglava over 5,000. In Pozarevac and Lepoglava the communists are erecting new prisons. All of the 56 prisons in Belgrade are reported to be filled to capacity.

16. The wife of Draza Mihailovic is reported to have been arrested by the OZNA for celebrating a requiem mass for her late husband.

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Agents' Notes:

Although this Agent's informant is usually reliable, this Agent cannot substantiate the existence of strong resistance groups in the areas mentioned above through other confidential sources.

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