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Four months ago the Directing Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party of Kopar issued secret directives to the highest and most trustworthy Party officials in Zone B relative to the policy to be adopted on the Free Territory of Trieste question. The directives were passed on to each one individually or in small groups and are still effective as of this date. The directives follow:

1. "Little by little, Party members and the people should be told that Zone B will be annexed by Yugoslavia, and they should be convinced that it is the only sound policy to follow. The question should not be discussed in meetings but hints should be dropped in talking to individual members. Nothing should be said officially to the people and prudence is required to avoid discussions.
2. "With regard to the city of Trieste, as little as possible should be said because the people of Zone B are attached to the city and can barely imagine what life would be like without it.
3. "As a general rule, make no reference to the nomination of a governor; this belongs to the past. Under no circumstances will we approve of a governor.
4. "Yugoslavia will never, never accept the holding of a plebiscite because it would work against the country's interest.
5. "Should Italy enter Trieste without our approval, we shall immediately annex Zone B to Yugoslavia."

Comment: Your attention is called to concerning the crystallization of the Yugoslav attitude on the Trieste issue.

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1. New travel restrictions for individuals entering Zone B are not as strict as indicated by the local press.
2. The restrictions were applied because of the increased smuggling of black market dinars from Trieste to Zone B. Women are principal offenders, although one man was discovered carrying 27,000 dinars.

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1. Between the roadblocks of Albano Vescova and Punta Rossa, along the border between the Anglo-American and Yugoslav Zones of the Free Territory of Trieste, there has been a notable increase of contraband goods passing into Zone B. Between the southeast road blocks, at which permanent Venezia Giulia guard posts are situated, there are seven secondary roads and trails leading into Zone B, which are covered only by roving patrols of the Venezia Giulia Police on the Anglo-American side of the border, and by permanent detachments of the Popular Militia on the Yugoslav side. In addition, there is the new Muggia - S.Barbara - Elleri road where this traffic is especially well organized with the assistance of the Popular Militia, which apparently has orders to permit entry of contraband goods into Zone B but to tolerate no traffic in the other direction.
2. The goods to be taken across the border are packed in cases and brought by truck from Trieste to specific points along the frontier to await an opportune moment when the Venezia Giulia patrols are absent. In certain cases, the trucks themselves are driven across and unloaded directly in Zone B. Many cases of goods ultimately arrive at the military warehouse in Piazza da Ponte (formerly Piazza Corva) in Capodistria, whence they are sent by officials to the interior of Yugoslavia. Although exorbitant prices in lire are paid for these goods, and much is often stolen by the men who transport them across the border, this nowise serves to deter the traffic because of the great demand for consumer goods in Yugoslavia.
3. The greater part of such merchandise consists of cloth, wearing apparel, shoes and leather goods, small amounts of nylon stockings, cosmetics and perfumes. In one instance, leather fleece-lined jackets, made in Yugoslavia and exported to Italy, were sent back across the border as contraband.

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