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Manich, July 9 -- /GEN. DESK-ERS/ -- In its issue of July 4 the Yugoslav paper POLITIKA reported that the Hungarian Publishing Enterprise "SZIKRA KONYVKIADO" recently expressed the wish to publish the book "Contributions to Josip Broz Tito's Biography" by Vladimir Dedijer in the Hungarian language. The author is said to have given his consent.

General Desk Comment: It is well-known that Vladimir Dedijer, Tito's official biographer, was expelled from the Yugoslav Communist Party in January 1955, together with then No. 3 man Milovan Djilas. Both Dedijer and Djilas were accused of violating Party discipline by requesting more freedom within the Party and even advocating the creation of an "opposition party". Even before Dedijer's condemnation, coinciding with the nearing rapprochement between Moscow and Belgrade, there were some attempts by the Yugoslav Communists to prevent further distribution of Dedijer's book /notably in Paris/, probably because it contains some very unpleasant remarks on life in the Soviet Union under Stalin.

Now, however, it seems that after Khrushchev's criticism of Stalin, Dedijer's biography of Tito is acceptable even in a satellite. It would be interesting to see whether the Hungarian edition will contain all passages in which Dedijer sharply criticized not only Stalin himself, but also his close collaborators. The English language edition of the book is called "Tito Speaks".

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