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Questionnaire reconstruction (SASD 1949009)

Note on reconstruction: The original questionnaire has not survived. SASD offers a reconstruction of the questions based on the final report prepared for state authorities and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia.

Archival source: MVSR., SNA., Ústredný výbor KSS. Kra. GT 549 – 556.

I. Supply and economic issues

Question 1. *Since 1 December 1949 further improvements have been made in the supply of the population, some types of goods have been made cheaper, and the distribution network has been improved — do you regard this as a further contribution to improving conditions in our country, or not?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 2. *In recent weeks people have been buying a great deal in shops; what do you think is the reason for this?*

- ☐ 1 — Worry about money
- ☐ 2 — Using up points
- ☐ 3 — Pre-Christmas shopping
- ☐ 4 — Having enough money
- ☐ 5 — Fear that goods will run out
- ☐ 6 — They need it
- ☐ 7 — Other
- ☐ 8 — Don't know

Open-ended sub-item "Other" — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 2 - Iné".

Question 3. *Enemies and ill-informed people are spreading rumours about a currency reform; what do you think, will there be a currency reform, or not?*

- ☐ There will be
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 4. *In which goods would you most like to see an improvement in supply in our country?*

- ☐ 1 — Textiles and clothing
- ☐ 2 — Footwear
- ☐ 3 — Meat and fats
- ☐ 4 — Various foodstuffs and colonial goods
- ☐ 5 — Other
- ☐ 6 — Don't know

The question allowed multiple answers — the sum of percentages exceeds 100%.

Open-ended sub-item "Other" — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 4 - Iné".

II. Christmas and culture

Question 5. *Did you buy, or will you buy, a book for Christmas?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

III. Unified Agricultural Cooperatives (JRD)

Question 6. *Do you know what Unified Agricultural Cooperatives are, or not?*

- ☐ I know
- ☐ No

Question 6/A. *(Those who know.) In your opinion, will the Unified Agricultural Cooperatives improve the lives of our small and medium farmers, or not?*

- ☐ Will improve
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

IV. International politics

Question 7. *What do you think, will the victory of democratic China strengthen world peace, or not?*

- ☐ Will strengthen
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

V. Household and home furnishings

Question 8. *If you were buying bedroom furniture today, which type of nightstand would you prefer: one attached to the headboard of the double bed, or a separate piece? (see illustrations!)*

- ☐ Attached to the headboard
- ☐ A separate piece
- ☐ Don't know

Sample description

Questionnaires processed: 1,225 (634 men, 591 women). Refused to answer: 421. Age groups: 18–29 (371), 30–49 (512), 50 and over (342). By occupation: workers (411), clerical staff (106), service staff (30), farmers (538), other occupations (131). By nationality: Slovaks (1,101), Ukrainians (37), Hungarians (78). By religious denomination: Roman Catholics (886), Lutherans (226), Greek Catholics (67), other / no denomination (46).