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Questionnaire reconstruction (SASD 1949008)

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., Povereníctvo školstva a osvetý. Kra. 48-49.

I. Experiences with authorities and National Security (NB)

Question 1. *Based on your experience, did the authorities treat citizens better under the first Czechoslovak Republic, under the Slovak State, or now?*

- Under the first Czechoslovak Republic
- Under the Slovak State
- Now
- Don't know

Question 2. *Have you had any dealings with the National Security (NB) authorities since 1945?*

- Yes
- No

Question 2/A. *(Those who had such dealings.) Are you satisfied with how the NB authorities handled your case?*

- Satisfied
- Not satisfied

Question 2/A-a. *If not, why?*

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 2-A-a".

Question 3. *In your opinion, do the NB authorities act fairly or unfairly?*

- Fairly
- Unfairly
- Don't know
- No answer

Question 3/A. *If unfairly, why?*

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 3-A".

II. Attitudes towards the church and clergy

Question 4. *A law was recently passed providing material support to churches and clergy. Do you consider this step by our government to be correct, or not?*

- Correct
- No
- Don't know

Question 5. *Did you consider it correct that priests have, until now, requested payment for religious services (baptism, weddings, funerals...)?*

- Correct
- No
- Don't know

III. International politics and Germany

Question 6. *In recent weeks a democratic republic was proclaimed in East Germany. Do you think this strengthens peace in Central Europe, or not?*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Question 7. *Do you think the Germans will change and will not threaten neighbouring nations again?*

- They will change
- No
- Don't know

Question 8. *In your opinion, which regime — capitalist or socialist — can best guarantee the peaceful conduct of the Germans?*

- Capitalist
- Socialist
- Don't know

IV. Holiday in 1949

Question 9. *How long was your holiday this year?*

- 1 — One week
- 2 — Two weeks
- 3 — Three weeks
- 4 — Four weeks
- 5 — More than four weeks

- 6 — Did not have a holiday

Question 9/A. *If you had a holiday, did you spend it away from your place of residence?*

- Yes
 No

Question 9/A-a. *If you were away from home during your holiday, where were you mostly accommodated?*

- 1 — In a hotel
 2 — In a guesthouse (pension)
 3 — In a recreational facility
 4 — With relatives
 5 — In private accommodation
 6 — Elsewhere

Question 9/A-b. *Overall, how satisfied were you with your holiday stay?*

- Very satisfied
 Partially satisfied
 Not satisfied

Question 9/A-c. *What was the main mode of transport you used to travel during your holiday?*

- 1 — Train
 2 — Bus
 3 — Car
 4 — Motorcycle
 5 — Bicycle
 6 — Other means

Question 9/A-d. *Approximately how much did you spend during your holiday? (Broken down into four expense categories: food, travel, accommodation, other expenses.)*

Category	1. Nothing	2. 1–600 Kčs	3. 600–1,200 Kčs	4. More than 1,200 Kčs
Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Each of the four expense categories (food, travel, accommodation, other) was evaluated separately in the original report; see the corresponding individual sheets in the Excel file.

Sample description

Questionnaires processed: 1,126 (576 men, 550 women). Refused to answer: 322. Age groups: 18–29 (339), 30–49 (466), 50 and over (321). By occupation: workers (374), clerical staff (100), service staff (36), farmers (487), other occupations (129). By nationality: Slovaks (1,002), Ukrainians (28), Hungarians (83), other (13). By religious denomination: Roman Catholics (807), Lutherans (222), Greek Catholics (55), other / no denomination (42).