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Questionnaire reconstruction (SASD 1950001)

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.

Archival source: MVSR., SNA.

I. Public administration and economic planning

Question 1. "What do you think the Bratislava university should be called: Slovak University, Komenský University, Slovak University of Jan Amos Komenský, or Štúr University?"

- ☐ 1. Slovak University
- ☐ 2. Komenský University
- ☐ 3. Slovak University of J. A. Komenský
- ☐ 4. Štúr University
- ☐ 5. Don't know

Question 2. "In your experience, is the regional (kraj) administrative system proving better than the former one, or not?"

- ☐ Better
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 3. "Based on your observation of the results of the Two-Year Plan and the first year of the Five-Year Plan, do you think it was correct to start planning our economy, or do you think things should have stayed as before?"

- ☐ To plan
- ☐ As before
- ☐ Don't know

II. Standard of living after the first year of the Five-Year Plan

Question 4/a. "Did the first year of the Five-Year Plan improve your standard of living?" a) In terms of food supply.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 4/b. "Did the first year of the Five-Year Plan improve your standard of living?" b) In terms of clothing.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 4/c. "Did the first year of the Five-Year Plan improve your standard of living?" c) In terms of housing.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

☐ Don't know

Question 4/d. "Did the first year of the Five-Year Plan improve your standard of living?" d) In terms of childcare.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

III. The labour competition and shock-worker movement

Question 5. "Are you aware of the significance of the labour (work) competition movement, or not?"

- ☐ I am aware
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 5/A. "If yes: Do you think the labour competition (especially the shock-worker movement) was reflected more effectively in the results of the first year of the Five-Year Plan, or not?"

- ☐ It was reflected
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 6. "Do you agree that the best shock-workers and those who achieved the highest work performance should be specially rewarded and given preference, or not?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 7. "Do you know any of our leading Slovak shock-workers by name, or not?"

- ☐ I know
- ☐ No

Question 7/A. "If yes: Which of these shock-workers do you know?"

- ☐ 1. Laziková
- ☐ 2. Ogurčák
- ☐ 3. Smolíková
- ☐ 4. Fučík
- ☐ 5. Záležák
- ☐ 6. Gajdoš
- ☐ 7. Kysel'
- ☐ 8. Zatlkaj

IV. Reading and Christmas books

Question 8. "How many books did you buy or receive as Christmas gifts?"

- ☐ 1. One
- ☐ 2. Two
- ☐ 3. Three
- ☐ 4. More than three
- ☐ 5. None

Question 8/A. "If yes, which ones? (list the titles)"

- ☐ 1. Prose
- ☐ 1a. – domestic
- ☐ 1b. – foreign
- ☐ 2. Poetry
- ☐ 3. Political – socialist
- ☐ 4. Professional / non-fiction
- ☐ 5. Religious
- ☐ 6. Other

V. Attitudes towards J. V. Stalin

Question 9. "Did you take part in the celebrations of Stalin's 70th birthday?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Question 10. "Have you already read anything about Stalin?"

- ☐ Yes, I read
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 11. "Have you already read anything written by Stalin?"

- ☐ Yes, I read
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Sample description

Questionnaires processed: 1333 (682 men, 651 women). Refused to answer: 337. Age groups: 18–29 (399), 30–49 (559), 50 and over (375). By occupation: workers (450), clerical staff (128), service staff (36), farmers (576), other occupations (143). By nationality: Slovaks (1184), Ukrainians (49), Hungarians (88), other (12). By religious denomination: Roman Catholics (923), Lutherans (282), Greek Catholics (84), other / no denomination (44).