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Questionnaire reconstruction (SASD 1950002)

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: SNA, fonds A-ÚV KSS (per the archival stamp on the scanned document).

The questions are transcribed in their original wording, without any changes.

I. Supply and prices

Question 1. Following the reduction of prices on the free market and the expansion of the retail network since 1 January this year, are you buying more on the free market, or less than last year?

- ☐ More
- ☐ The same
- ☐ Less
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No answer

Question 2. Do you consider the new clothing ration book (šatenka) to be an improvement in the supply of textiles compared to last year, or not?

- ☐ An improvement
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

II. Economic planning and Unified Agricultural Cooperatives (JRD)

Question 3. Do you consider this year's allocation of production and delivery contracts (contingents) to be fair, or not?

- ☐ Fair
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 3/A. If not, why?

- ☐ 1 — Because of the size of the contingents (quotas)
- ☐ 2 — Because of an unfair allocation
- ☐ 3 — Better without obligations
- ☐ 4 — Other
- ☐ 5 — Don't know

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

Question 4. Do you know what Unified Agricultural Cooperatives (JRD) are, or not?

- ☐ Yes, I know
- ☐ I don't know

Question 4/A. If you know: In your opinion, will the JRD improve the life of our small and medium-sized farmers, or not?

- ☐ They will improve it

- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

In the Excel file, Questions 4 and 4/A also include a comparison with Research No. 16 (December 1949) on a similar question.

III. Sources of information — press and radio

Question 5. How do you prefer to get news: from newspapers, or from the radio?

- ☐ From newspapers
- ☐ From the radio
- ☐ Don't know

Question 5/A. If you prefer newspapers, why?

- ☐ 1 — Because I don't have a radio receiver
- ☐ 2 — Because I'm not tied to a fixed time
- ☐ 3 — I prefer to read
- ☐ 4 — They are more detailed and thorough
- ☐ 5 — For variety of reading
- ☐ 6 — Other
- ☐ 7 — Don't know

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 5-A".

Question 5/B. If you prefer the radio, why?

- ☐ 1 — I prefer to listen
- ☐ 2 — Fresher news
- ☐ 3 — Can listen while working
- ☐ 4 — They are more concise
- ☐ 5 — Has a radio receiver
- ☐ 6 — Other
- ☐ 7 — Don't know

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 5-B".

Question 6. Do you listen to the news on our radio regularly?

- ☐ Regularly
- ☐ Irregularly
- ☐ Never listens

Question 6/A. If you listen: what would you like to see improved or added in these news broadcasts?

- ☐ 1 — Satisfied as is
- ☐ 2 — Less propaganda
- ☐ 3 — More news from abroad
- ☐ 4 — More music and entertainment programming
- ☐ 5 — More expert lectures
- ☐ 6 — Other
- ☐ 7 — Don't know
- ☐ 8 — No answer

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 6-A".

Question 7. Do you read the newspaper Pravda regularly, occasionally, or never?

- ☐ Regularly
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never

Question 7/A. If you read Pravda: what would you like to see improved in it?

- ☐ 1 — Satisfied as is
- ☐ 2 — More objectivity
- ☐ 3 — More news from abroad
- ☐ 4 — On economic and agricultural matters
- ☐ 5 — From cultural and social life
- ☐ 6 — On sports
- ☐ 7 — Other
- ☐ 8 — Don't know
- ☐ 9 — No answer

Open-ended question — responses recorded as free-form verbatim statements. See the transcription in the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 7-A".

IV. International politics

Question 8. In your opinion, are the world forces of peace today stronger or weaker than the forces of warmongers?

- ☐ Stronger
- ☐ Weaker
- ☐ Don't know

Sample description

Questionnaires processed: 1,263 (645 men, 618 women). Refused to answer: 318. Age groups: 18–29 (380), 30–49 (528), 50 and over (355). By occupation: workers (435, 64 refused), clerical staff (117, 42 refused), service staff (31, 1 refused), farmers (536, 182 refused), other occupations (144, 39 refused). By nationality: Slovaks (1,168), Ukrainians (23), Hungarians (66), other (6). By religious denomination: Roman Catholics (906), Lutherans (267), Greek Catholics (59), other / no denomination (31). By political affiliation: KSS members (400), unaffiliated (614), not determined (225), SNO/SS (24).