

On July 25th the Servian reply¹ was presented to the Austro-Hungarian Government. Even to a reader with Austrian sympathies this reply seems to go a long way towards meeting the demands. The Servian Government agreed

- A. that Servia should, as demanded, publish a declaration
- (1) condemning all propaganda which may be directed against Austria-Hungary ;
 - (2) regretting that, according to the communication from the Imperial and Royal Government, Servian officers and officials participated in the propaganda ;
 - (3) promising to proceed with the utmost rigour against all persons who are guilty of such acts.

B. That Servia would undertake

- (1) to introduce a provision into the press law providing for the most severe punishment of incitement to hatred and contempt of Austria-Hungary and to introduce an amendment to the Constitution providing for the confiscation of such publications ;
- (2) to dissolve the Narodna Odbrana and similar societies ;
- (3) to remove at once from their public educational establishments all that serves or could serve to foment propaganda, whenever the Austro-Hungarian Government furnish them with facts and proofs of this propaganda ;
- (4) to remove from military service all such persons as the judicial inquiry may have proved to be guilty of acts directed against the territorial integrity of Austria-Hungary ;
- (5) though they do not clearly grasp the meaning or the scope of the demand, to accept the collaboration of Austro-Hungarian officials so far as is consistent with the principle of international law, with criminal procedure and with good neighbourly relations ;

¹ *Correspondence*, No. 39. Communicated by the Servian Minister, July 27. See also German White Book (pp. 23-32), *infra* in Appendix I.