Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/08/18: CIA-RDP80-00809A000600060430-8 CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL 50X1-HUM CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT INFORMATION REPORT COUNTRY Bulgaria DATE DISTR. 28 Oct 1954 SUBJECT Town Description of Galiche (Galitsche)/Local Conditions NO. OF PAGES 3 PLACE ACQUIRED NO. OF ENCLS. DATE ACQUIRED SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 50X1-HUM DATE OF INFORMATION full descurate declares calibrative application for decisions of the section of t THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1-HUM Galiche is a small town located about 30 kilometers southwest of Oryakhovo (Orechowo). Oryakhovo was north of Galiche on the Danube River. The population of Galiche as of September 1948 was about 6500 . All of . them were of Bulgarian ethnic origin. 3. Galiche was about two or threekilometers long east and west and about four kilometers long north and south. Nost of the people in this town owned from one to two dekares (one dekare e mals one acre) of land. The house were not concentrated in the tons our were scattered. Farmers in the surrounding areas owned from 25 to 200 delawes of land. Caliche did not have a numbering system of homes nor did they have any street names. The usual means of transportation was by horse and wagon and bicycle. One road which west morthwest from Galiche to Lipnica village (a distance of seven bilameters) was built of stone. It was about three cars wide. Another dirt reed considered to be fairly good west to the morthwest direction from Galicum for three kilometers and then vessed east southeast to the town of Bardarski Goren, which is five kilometers from the junction. 6. About 97% of the people in Bertarski Geren were of Casch and German ethnic origin who spoke German, Elevak, and Bulgarian. A small railroad station was located about one to two bilemeters west of Caliche. The railroad line was single-track. Eraffic on this small railroad line was both freight and passenger. Two passenger trains travelling in each direction daily west by this relieved station. The trains case from Oryakhovo, seed through Lipsites, Calfele, west south southeast to Cherven Bryog and then 50X1-HUM CLASSIFICATION OR LTIO

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- Corn and wheat were raised in the areas surrounding Galiche and were shipped
 to Oryakhovo and south to Byala Slatina. There were small warehouses scattered
 throughout Galiche which were used for storage of these products.
- The town had one church. It was located in the center of the town and called St Troitsa Orthodox church. It was built of brick.
- 10. Nost of the homes in Galiche were constructed of brick. The average house had four to five rooms. The homes were heated by wood. Water for cooking and washing were obtained from outside water hydrants which were scattered throughout the town in addition to three large public wells. One large well was in the park in the center of the town, another well was east of the town, and the
- 11. Most of the homes had their WC's outside and had no bathrooms. The refuse, including the garbage, was hauled out of town by horse and wagon. Home owners also fed their garbage to the cows, horses, pigs, rabbits or used it for fertilizer. The average home owner owned a team of horses, one or two cows, a few sheep and some chickens.
- 12. The gymnasium school was the largest building in Galiche. It was a three-story brick building and it was located east of the town. Adjacent to this building there was a small building used as a library. Another small gymnasium was located north of the town and a third was located south of the town. It was amazing for a town of this size to have three such schools.
- 13. Until 1943, Galiche did not have any electricity. Electricity for the homes, buildings and offices in town came from Enesha and Byala Sistina villages both situated south of Galiche.
- 14. The area surrounding Galiche was hilly. South of Galiche near Enexha the area was densely wooded, primarily with large oak trees. Another heavily wooded section, about 10 kilometers across was located northwest of Galiche in the direction of Lipnitsa. A third forested area was located west of Galiche. Nost of the timber cut in these forests was used locally.
- 15. It is possible to hide in these forested areas and survive on mushrooms, wild berries, grapes, wild apples, plums and muts. Rabbits, hares, foxes, and wolves usually can be found in these forests.
- 16. The Skit River was about 500 meters west from the center of Galiche and flowed north to the Dambe. The Skit River was about eight meters wide, shallow in some places and in other places two to three meters deep. Fishing in this river was done by fishing noise and meter. Very few fished in this river as it was necessary to have a license which was very expensive.
- 17. During the spring rains the Skit River gets to be about 20 meters wide and overflows the river banks. About 900 meters west of the center of the town and on the road leading to the small railroad station there was a small, narrow wooden bridge which erceed the Skit River. It was for pedestrian use only. The wagons and borses did not use this bridge but crossed the river in the shallow places.
- 18. Galiche had no factories except for one small flour mill. This mill was located about one and a half kilemeters on the woutheastern outskirts of the town. It employed from our to eight persons. This flour mill ground up the wheat and corn for the local farmers.
- 19. There was no harpital in falsche but the town did have a small clinic, employing one doctor and one destist. It was lessted in the center of the town near the park.

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