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SKOPLJE, GORIZIA TO BE REBUILT

MILLIONS AUTHORIZED FOR SKOPLJE -- Duga, No 197, 21 May 49

Nothing will remain of the present city of Skoplje but its historical monuments when the rebuilding program, already under way, is completed.

The present city has no sewage system, water system, or baths. The government of Skoplje has now authorized an expenditure of millions of dinars to rebuild the Macedonian capital: 200 million for housing, 38 million for sewage and water systems, 16 million for trades enterprises, 6 million for municipal collective farms, and 2 million for a modern market place.

The entire Turkish quarter will be razed, and wide streets and boulevards with large modern buildings will be built in its place. On both sides of the Vardar a large boulevard 5 meters wide will be built and lined with trees and grass.

The so-called new section of Skoplje also will be transformed. Only the historical monuments, forts, castles, churches, mosques, bridges, and the like will remain. Everything else will be destroyed to make room for the modern city.

The old Pit Pazar (Market), which always was a filthy place, will be replaced by a new market, with modern equipment, drinking water, and a sewage system. Trees will be planted on Vodno Mountain, and a hotel and labor union resort will be built on it. The village of Gorno Vodno will be transformed into a modern resort for workers. The polluted streams in Gorno Vodno will be replaced by an artificial lake. The Vardar will be regulated by volunteer labor, and the reclamation of Skoplje Polje will recover 8,000 hectares of land for cultivation.

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NEW CITY TO RISE IN SUBURB OF GORIZIA -- Duga, No 197, 21 May 49

After the bombardment of the Slovenian quarter of Gorizia and the terror under Anglo-American occupation, the Slovenian population fled to Yugoslavia. Barbed wire crosses six roads and three railroad lines, cutting off all the important part of the city, the hospital that serves the whole city and vicinity, and many pharmacies, schools, and other institutions, which lie on the Italian side of the boundary.

Nova Gorica (New Gorizia), larger, finer, and more modern than the old city, will be built on the site of these ruined suburbs by thousands of youths from all parts of Yugoslavia. Last year 7 kilometers of modern road were built to connect the six roads, now cut off by barbed wire, with the suburbs of Solkan and Sent Peter.

The new city will have 15,000 inhabitants by the end of the year and about 30,000 by the end of the First Five-Year Plan, 1951. The federal government granted 150 million dinars in 1948 alone for the construction of buildings, 50,000 square meters of which will be built by the end of 1951.

The new center of the Gorica district will extend across the Sombereg highland along the border and will include the two hills of Panovec and Gabrijel. The Ruza Dolina will become a residential quarter, containing large, modern apartment developments. Large factories, a wood industry combine, and a furniture factory will provide employment for thousands of workers. The city will have its own schools, hospitals, and recreation grounds.

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