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PRODUCE SUPPLY IMPROVES

MORE PRODUCE ON BELGRADE MARKET -- Borba; No 165, 13 Jul 49

The vegetable supply on the Belgrade market is better than ever. 385 carloads of vegetables were shipped into the city in Jure 1946, 391 in June 1947, and 479 in June 1948, 742 carloads arrived in June 1948.

The main source of supply for Belgrade is state and cooperative farms. Vegetables from private farmers do not affect either the total supply or prices.

Variety has improved and prices are low. The price of potatoes has fallen recently from 15 or 16 dinars per kilogram to 12 or 14 dinars for good young potatoes, while good best greens can be bought for 8 dinars per kilogram.

In June not a carload of vegetables had to be shipped to Belgrade from any other republic. This shows a great improvement over last year.

Over 60 carloads more of fruit were shipped into Belgrade this June than last, in spite of the heavy damage caused by pests.

The milk supply has also improved. Belgrade children up to 2 years of age receive one liter of milk per day, the others half a liter. Children from 2 to 7 also receive 2 liter of yogurt every day without cost. Large quantities of milk are distributed to workers employed in the heaviest work.

As a result of efficient livestock purchasing, the full ration of meat has been distributed during June and July.

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SUPPLY IMPROVES IN ZAGREB -- Borba, No 165, 13 Jul 49

Supplies of vegetables, fruit, and milk on the Zagreb market have increased during the last few days. Increased shipments from state enterprises and cooperatives have lowered prices. On 17 June farmers were spilled young potatoes at 50 dinars per kilogram and on 6 July at 16 to 25 dinars per kilogram. In the middle of June, farmers were selling young pease at 40 dinars per kilogram, compared with 20 dinars today, while state and cooperative enterprises sell for half as much. Until recently, farmers charged 60 - 100 dinars per kilogram for beet greens, compared with 20 - 30 dinars today from state and cooperative enterprises. These prices could be lowered still further.

Last mon h about 15,000 liters of milk per day arrived from state enterprises, on 1 July 25,389 liters, on 2 July 37,572 liters, and on 4 July 51,434 liters.

NEW PRICE SET FOR RGGS -- Politika, No 13285, 9 Jul 49

The federal government has issued an order to the effect that in the future crop-purchasing enterprises will buy hens' eggs from producers at an average tied price of 150 dinars per hundred eggs.

REFUGEES REPORT BAD CONDITIONS IN ALBANIA -- Politika, No 13289, 14 Jul 49

Hercegnovi -- Volunteers working on the regulation of the Sutorina River include a brigade of 64 Albanian emigrants who fled to Yugoslavia after the Cominform resolution.

These refugees report that consumers' goods are practically nonexistent in Albania, while textiles and bread are in extremely short supply. For one kilogram of salt, an Albanian must surrender 4 kilograms of heat and cheese. Formerly, when Yugoslavia and Albania were on normal terms, one kilogram of salt cost only 3 lek. One ordinary sandal costs an Albanian peasant 3 kilograms of lard, 300 eggs, and 450 lek. One liter of keresene, which used to cost only 9 lek, now costs 3 kilograms of wool.

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