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ACTIVITIES EXPAND IN BULGARIA

Belgrade, 8 December -- According to an absolutely reliable source, a Soviet transport recently arrived at the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Burgas and discharged an infantry battalion of 1,200 men.

The question is being asked whether these are a new contingent of Soviet specialists and instructors, thousands of whom are already in Bulgaria, or whether they are advance units of large combat forces, expected by many to be sent to Bulgaria because of the world situation.

At the same time, it was learned that in the mid-November approximately 80 Soviet railroad and highway construction specialists arrived in Sofia to expand the strategically important communication routes particularly in southern and eastern Bulgaria. At present, extensive work is being supervised by these experts in the southeast between the Maritsa River and the Turko-Greek border. The work center is the city of Khaskovo the last important station before the Turkish border on the Sofia-Istanbul railroad line.

The roads running from Khaskovo eastward to the Turkish border and southward across the Rhodope Mountains to the Greek border are being expanded and the bridges reinforced; a narrow-gauge railroad net is being laid radially around Khaskovo, apparently to be used for the transportation of war materiel. -- Bretholtz, Svenska Dagbladet's correspondent

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