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Industrial Information from the Varna Area

1. Koralovag, a joint Soviet-Bulgarian enterprise, has yards building ships up to 1,500 tons, repair docks, a railroad car construction department, and locomotive repair shops. It is located on the canal which joins Lake Varna with the Black Sea and employs nearly 5,000 workers in three shifts.
2. The Vasil Kolarov Plant, which produces mainly lathes and boilers, is located "not far" from Koralovag. It employs approximately 600 workers.
3. The I May Cotton Textiles Mill, located in the Galata Quarter, employs about 3,000 workers.
4. The Khristo Botev Cotton Mill, opposite the Koralovag shipyard, employs approximately 2,000 workers now, as compared to about 1,500 workers in 1950. Work is done in three shifts per day. The mill has its own power plant. In 1950, the technical manager was Petko Ivanov, a Bulgarian.
5. The Chervena Zvezda Plant, which produces mainly cotton fabrics and tent cloth, is located adjacent to Koralovag. It employs approximately 800 workers.
6. The metal works, located adjacent to the Chervena Zvezda Plant, employs 600 men and produces mainly pipes and stoves.
7. A large caustic soda plant is being constructed at Devnya village (approximately 15 kilometers from Varna), where the largest flour mills in Bulgaria are also located.

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8. There are two power plants in the Varna area. One, about five years old, is located near the Koralovag shipyard, and the other, much older, is located near the Khristo Botev Factory. This latter plant is not identical with the one mentioned in paragraph 4 above.
9. In 1952, oil was discovered near Kavarna (N 43-26, E 28-20), approximately 20 kilometers from Varna. A Soviet team of geologists has been studying the site, and several thousand workers are employed sinking wells. Drilling equipment was brought from the USSR. The wages of workers are high, averaging 25 leva per day (new currency).
10. New hangars have been built for the seaplane landing harbor near Penardzhik village by the Lake Varna-Black Sea canal.
11. Jet planes use the airfield near Dobrich (N 43-34, E 27-50, now Tolbukhin).

Production and Distribution of Milk Products in the Varna Area

12. The Mlekokoop (Milk Cooperative) department of the Tsentralen Kooperativen Soyuz (Central Cooperative Union), which has been a ministry since 1948 and has branches in the main cities, deals with the collection and distribution of milk products such as cheese, butter, and cream. Mlekokoop at Varna is responsible for 12 branches in the ~~okrug~~ which collect and process milk and send the products to the Varna center.
13. There are two cold storage plants and four depots at Varna, as follows:
 - a. A large cold storage plant for foodstuffs, including milk products, at the port;
 - b. A special cold storage plant for butter, located in the Galata Quarter, approximately four kilometers from the port; and
 - c. Depots for milk processing and the storage of the products at No. 52 Stambuliyska Street, Genoa Street, the I May Market, and at the port.
14. The annual production of milk products in the Varna ~~okrug~~ is 3,000 tons of cream cheese, 1,000 tons of other cheese, and 400 tons of butter. A large proportion of this is kept in storage as a reserve, according to instructions received from the Supply Ministry. From January to September 1952, approximately 500 tons of cheese and 200 tons of butter were stored, for stockpiling only, in the cold storage plants at the port and in the Galata Quarter. Part of the output is exported through the Ministry of Foreign Trade (for instance, 100 tons of cheese was sent to Egypt on a barter deal) and the remainder is distributed in Bulgaria through the EDRO (sic) wholesale marketing organization.
15. The following prices are paid by Mlekokoop to the producers:
 - a. Cream cheese, 6.5 leva per kilogram;
 - b. Other cheese, 9.0 leva per kilogram; and
 - c. Butter, 10 leva per kilogram.
16. The price to consumers is as follows:
 - a. Cream cheese, 13.6 leva per kilogram;
 - b. Other cheese, 20 leva per kilogram; and
 - c. Butter, 27 leva per kilogram.

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17. There are four State farms in the Stalin ~~okrug~~, three of which are in the villages of Balchik (N 43-30, E 28-20), Septemvrache (sic), and Vasil Kolarov (sic).

18. Kolkhozes¹ have been established in each village of the Varna okrug. These farms include approximately 70 percent of the rural population.

19. [redacted] identified the following personalities: 25X1

a. Albert Chasid, administrative manager of the Varna branch of the Cooperative Union; [redacted] 25X1

b. Krustev (fnu), newly appointed general manager of the Varna branch of the Cooperative Union; 25X1

c. Denin Manolov, chief accountant of the Varna Mlekokoop [redacted]

d. Mircho Mikhaylov, manager of the Varna Mlekokoop; [redacted] 25X1

e. Stoychev (fnu), chief accountant of the Varna Cooperative Union; [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Comment: "Kolkhoz" is a Soviet term which probably refers to the Bulgarian collective farm known as TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelstvo Stopanstvo).

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