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1. The construction site of the Karl Marx State Soda Works which is frequently referred to in the Bulgarian press as being located vaguely "near Provadiya" (N 43-11, E 27-26) or "near Lake Devnya" is situated at XJ-8904 (AMS M-506 1:250,000 series, N 43-12, E 27-38), about two miles east of Reka-Devnya railroad station (N 43-13, E 27-36) on the Varna-Dobrich single-gauge line, and about one and one-half miles south of the road leading due west from Varna to Provadiya.
2. At the end of July 1953, some of the smaller factory buildings had been completed, but work on the main building had not progressed very far. New steel pylons, presumably intended later to carry electric cables, were being erected along a line running northwest from the building site, approximately in the direction of Vetrino (N 43-19, E 27-26).

Comment: Inasmuch as the report above located the new soda factory 50X1-HUM on the AMS map and according to roads and railroads as aligned on that map, the factory is not properly located according to its actual situation, because the AMS map is very much in error in this section of Bulgaria. It is probable, from the report above and corrections made according to the Deutsche Heereskarte 1:100,000 series, that the factory is actually located slightly east of Reka-Devnya which is about two miles east of Devnya village (N 43-14, E 27-33) which appears on the AMS map. Furthermore, the factory is probably located north, rather than south, of the Varna-Provadiya road. These corrections also locate the factory in the vicinity of the Devnya springs which reportedly will feed the plant.

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