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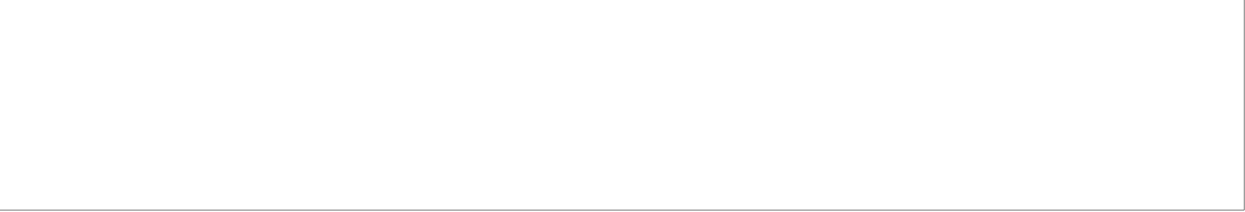
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Construction of New Church in Nikyup (N4313, E2535)

- During the summer of 1954, on the initiative of the local priest, a new Orthodox Church was constructed in the village of Nikyup. The private farmers in the area donated money to the construction and transported all necessary materials. In the autumn of 1954, the church was completed and after it was consecrated, regular services were begun.
- The secretary of the village organization of the BKP (Bulgarian Communist Party) and the president of the village council very often spoke publicly against the construction of this church. Also in the autumn of 1954, a person from the Central Committee of the DSNM (Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth) arrived in the village to criticize the local guidance of the DSNM and the young men of the village because they did not oppose the construction of the church. He spoke about their socialist conscience and stated that the building of this church was a bourgeois action for which there is no place in today's Bulgaria.

Description of Chavdaritsa, Peshtera Okoliya

- Chavdaritsa (N4135, E2413), called Chavdar by the local population, is located approximately four kilometers from the frontier line, in the second frontier zone. Chavdaritsa falls under the jurisdiction of the village council in Dospat, Peshtera Okoliya.

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4. The village is situated on a hillside, which slopes from southeast to northwest, and is surrounded on the south by a pine forest. The cultivated fields belonging to the village are situated on the neighboring hills, and the soil is principally sandy.
5. There are approximately 60 houses in the village, with 450-500 inhabitants all of whom are Bulgarian-Mohammedans (Pomaks). The people make their living from small-scale farming and some cattle-raising. The main crops are rye and potatoes, due to the condition of the soil. There is no TKZS in the area and no move has been made to form one.
6. The village is divided into three quarters as follows:
  - a. The upper quarter, or southeastern part;
  - b. The central quarter, or middle part; and
  - c. The lower quarter, or northwestern part.
7. In Chavdaritsa are the following public buildings:
  - a. The office of the deputy mayor; a massive, 2-story building with a red tile roof. This building was constructed during 1954, and is 12 meters long, eight meters wide, and approximately 10 meters high. It has two rooms on the upper floor and two rooms on the lower floor. The first floor is not yet completed, but it is believed that the cooperative shop will occupy this floor. The office of the BKP is also located in this building;
  - b. The elementary and pre-gymnasium school building is a single-story building, in which there are two class rooms and two rooms used for teachers' quarters.
  - c. The mosque is an old building which is connected to the school; it has a hallway approximately six meters long and four meters wide. It does not have a minaret. Mohammedan services are held here and are attended only by the older people of the village;
  - d. The cooperative shop is temporarily located in a military building which is situated in the central quarter of the village. This shop is stocked with the food staples for the village, and is supplied by the cooperative depots in Peshtera; and
  - e. The mill is a small stone building with a wooden roof. It has only a simple stone for grinding grain into flour and the mill owner receives nine kilograms of flour for every 100 kilograms of grain which he grinds. This mill is operated by water power.
8. The village was electrified in 1950, but only about 25 houses were equipped with electric lights; on the the streets there are no lights. The electricity is received from a water-powered dynamo, which is housed in a small stone building, and runs only during the night.

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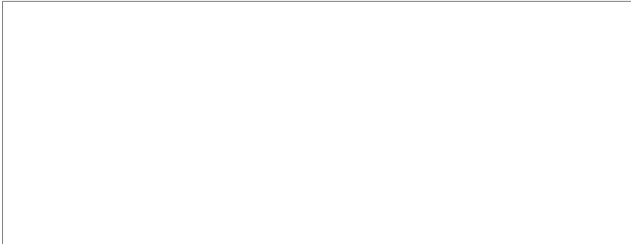
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9. There is a Frontier Zastava in the village, believed to have the name "Bor". There are approximately 50 troops in this sastava and during 1954, a new building was constructed in the southeastern end of the village for the troops. The old sastava building is supposedly going to be turned into a reading room and recreation hall.
10. The local BKP organization has about 20 members, while the DSMM as about 15 members and the DOSO about 15 members.



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