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2. Hydro-Electric Plant in Cherni Vit

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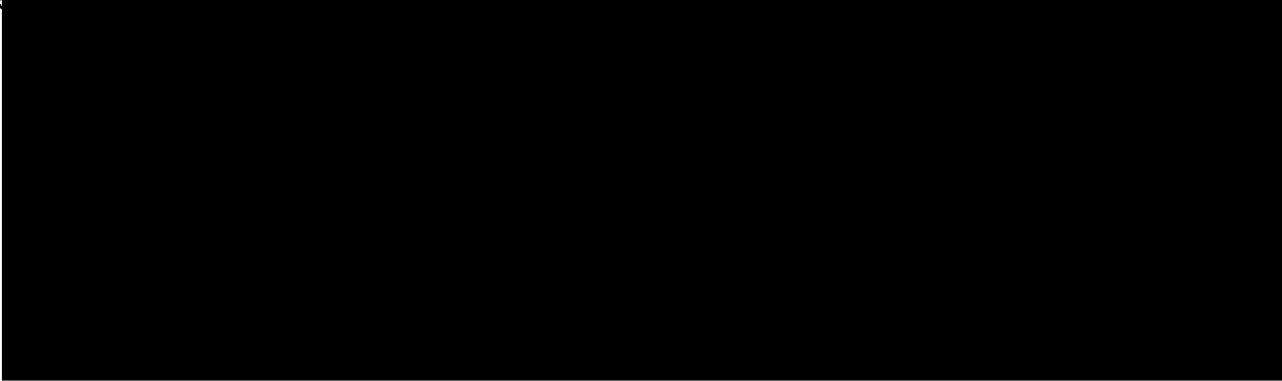
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1. The Vulko Chervenkov plywood factory of Cherni Vit was built in 1946 and is about 80 meters long and 60 meters wide. The factory had an 80 meter smoke-stack and a boiler, taken from a Dutch ship, which produced steam pressure of about eight atmospheres.
2. The steam was conveyed from the boiler to three tanks, 8 x 6 x 4 meters, in which the tree trunks were placed for steaming. After eight hours of steaming the tree trunks were taken out and saved into 2.2 x 1.4 meter sections. The pieces were then sent to a German-made Chels-B-Berlin (sic) machine, which had 90 horsepower and was electrically operated. This machine cut the pieces of wood into strips one or two centimeters thick and 1.4 to 2.2 meters long. The strips were then sent to a cylindrical machine where they were dried, four at a time. After drying, the sheets were sent to a presser where they were glued and polished. The strips were glued at a temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit and at a pressure of 200 atmospheres.
3. The factory had about 200 workers employed in three shifts. It produced daily about 25 cubic feet of plywood, of which 20 cubic feet were exported and 5 cubic feet kept for domestic consumption.
4. Two other plywood factories, the Polkovnik Abadzhiev and the Polkovnik Abadzhiev 2, were located at Teteven.
5. About one kilometer from Cherni Vit, near the Cherni Vit River, there was a hydro-electric plant which was connected with a power network and with the hydro-electric plant of Lukovit. The Cherni Vit plant produced 2,400 kilowatts. There was another hydro-electric plant outside the village of Ilusomishte which had one 800 horsepower turbine.

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