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- 1. In 1951 the villages of Budimirci, Zovic, Starovina, Gradesmica and Grumiste were organized into the Community of Starovina. Dimitar Krovic was appointed Chairman of the Community Council, and Jovan Bandev was named Secretary.
- 2. Each of these villages in the Community of Starovina was forced to establish a collective. Gruniste, a village inhabited by only 45 families, had a collective which was ranaged by a certain Alekso Bizerikovic. The Gruniste collective had approximately 1,400 sheep.1
- The Political Secretary of the local Communist Party Committee was a certain Stojko Mishev.
- 4. Gruniste has an Orthodox Church, but has no priest to hold services. A priest by the name of Todor from the village of Gradesnica went to Gruniste to hold Faster services in 1951; however, he was arrested and imprisoned for seven days by the local Communist authorities.
- Unidentified KNOJ border units were stationed in the villages of Skocivir and Starovina.

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