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A. Communities in the District of Gevgelia:

1. The District of Gevgelia in Macedonia has a population of approximately 45,000 inhabitants. About one-fifth of the total population are Moslems.
2. Until February 1951 there were twenty-nine communities in this district; however, as of that date the number of communities was reduced to eighteen. They are as follows:
 - a. Town of Gevgelia, population - 10,000;¹
 - b. Valandovo, including the village of Rabrovo, population - 5,500;
 - c. Bogdanci, including the village of Djavoto, population - 4,500;
 - d. Stojakovo, including the village of Selenlije, population - 2,000;
 - e. Miravci, including the villages of Miletkovo, Davidovo, Gabrea and Petrovo, population - 2,000;
 - f. Negarci, including the villages of Mrzenci, Stepanovo, Smokvica and Kovanci, population - 1,000;
 - g. Bogarodica, population - 500;
 - h. Novi Dojran, including the villages of Furka, Crnicane, Gopeeli, Nikolic, Strestenovo and Stari Dojran, population 800;
 - i. Pirava, population - 800;
 - j. Josifovo (formerly known as Karadjerdjevo), including the villages of Vejceli, Ajrali, Terzeli and Kaluckovo, population - 500;

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- k. Kazandol, including the village of Dečeli, population - 800;
- l. Harvenci, including the villages of Kraljevac, Balinici and Brajkovic;
- m. The villages of Udovo, Gradee, Plavus, Alazli, Bazakli, Sashali and Cepali;
- n. Sarreni;
- o. Sevendekli, including the Moslem villages of Djuma Vasi, Durotli and Kurt Amsali;
- p. Basli, including the Moslem villages of Basli, Frsten, Suluntoli, Durlobos and Organdjali;
- q. Gornicet, including the villages of Gornicet, Uma Konjako and Mojini; and
- r. Sorbi, including the Moslem villages of Tatarli, Gushli and Sobri.

B. Organization and Function of the District People's Council:

3. The District People's Council (Okolinski Odbor) is responsible for all administrative functions and all social, economic and political affairs in the District. The council is composed of the following:
 - a. The Assembly;
 - b. The Presidium with a staff of employees; and
 - c. Ten Executive Commissioners.
4. The various Community People's Councils within the District send from two to twelve delegates to the Assembly of the District People's Council. The number of delegates sent by each of the communities is determined on the basis of population. The delegates serve for a period of three years. The Assembly elects the Chairman, the secretary and the ten Executive Commissioners who head the ten executive sections. These officials are elected for a period of three years. The Chairman has the power to call meetings of the Assembly.
5. Chairman of the District People's Council is Mladen Pavlov who was born in the village of Pirava, District of Gevgelija and who is a former shoemaker. The Council's secretary is Vasil Toshev, a former tailor, who was born in the village of Valandovo.
6. The Presidium consists of the following offices:
 - a. The Personnel Office, directed by Georgi Vatshev, a former worker from Gevgelija;
 - b. The Office of Organization and Instruction, directed by Petar Elinov, a native of Gevgelija;
 - c. The Judicial Office, directed by Ilia Peev; and
 - d. The Office of Records, directed by Petar Stoimenov.
7. The ten Executive Commissioners hold the following positions concurrently:
 - a. Chiefs of the respective executive sections of the District People's Council;
 - b. Members of the District People's Council; and
 - c. Members of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia (CPY).

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8. The following is a listing of the executive sections of the District People's Councils, together with their respective functions:
- a. Finance Section: Chief of Section is Hmza Shabanov, a former tailor from the village of Udovo. This Section collects income tax, duties and imposts; pays the salaries of all government employees; and provides funds for all local government enterprises. This Section has 12 employees.
 - b. Trade Section: Chief of Section is Ilia Kaliev, a former worker from the village of Negoreci. This Section is responsible for the control of prices, distribution of ration cards, food and other consumer goods. It also collects all products which the peasants are obliged to surrender to the State. This Section has ten employees.
 - c. Industry and Craftsman Section: Chief of Section is Risto Konstantonov, a former farmer from the village of Gradec. This Section is responsible for all industrial installations, craftsman workshops and traffic facilities in the District.
 - d. Agriculture and Forest Section: Chief of Section is Vanco Todorov, a former farmer from the village of Sermenin. This Section is responsible for all agricultural and forest matters. It determines how much land should be cultivated and the type of agricultural products to be grown.
 - e. Planning Section: Chief of Section is Risto Mucov, a former farmer from the village of Negoreci. This Section is responsible for the implementation of all production and construction plans for the District.
 - f. Government Acquisitions Section: Chief of Section is Atanas Bojko, a former farmer from the village of Bogdanci. This Section is responsible for purchases of agricultural products, meat, milk and cheese on behalf of the government.
 - g. Section of the Interior: Chief of Section is Bozidar (a battle name which he acquired during the war as a partisan). This Section is in charge of police activities and the local militia, and collaborates with the UDB.
 - h. Public Health Section: Chief of Section, Janko Tanev, a former tailor from Gevgelia. This Section has six employees and is responsible for providing medical care and maintaining health statistics of the District.
 - i. Social Welfare Section: Chief of Section is Hamid Hadjiassonov, a former farmer from the village of Kazandol. This Section is responsible for all social matters in the District.
 - j. Education and Cultural Section: Chief of Section is a certain Trajkov, a former farmer from the village of Stojakovo. This Section is in charge of all schools in the District.
9. The Public Prosecutor is Boro (a battle name), who was born in the village of Bogdanci and has had four years of elementary education. The investigator for the Public Prosecutor's office is Toshko Andonov, an undergraduate student; and the Secretary is a certain Shankovskaeva a trained lawyer.

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10. The District Court is presided over by Sotir Delandikov, a trained jurist and a judge before the war. He is not a Communist. Assistant to the judge is Jordan Shenkovski, a lawyer. Court Secretary is Koco Gligorov.
11. The following-named persons are Deputies from this District to the Parliament of the People's Republic of Macedonia (PRM) in Skoplje and to the Parliament of the Federated People's Republic (FPR) of Yugoslavia in Belgrade:
 - a. Risto Balajcaliev, a former merchant from Gevgelia, currently serving as Minister of Trade for the PRM in Skoplje;
 - b. Risto Temenugev, also known as Gvozdeni, from the village of Bogdanci, was a former shepherd and is presently Minister of Agriculture for the PRM in Skoplje;
 - c. Dimitar-Mitko Aleksov, a former worker from Gevgelia, at present Political Secretary of the CPY in Gevgelia; and
 - d. Enez Ahmet Abdulov, a former farmer from the village of Gopceli, currently serving as Secretary of the local Committee of the CPY in Novi Dojran.

In addition to the above individuals there is an officer of the UDB and an officer of the Yugoslav Army who are either Deputies or alternate Deputies to the Parliaments.

C. Military Units and Installations:

12. At present there are no large military units in the district except the 3 KNM Border Guards Battalion Headquarters in Gevgelia. There are vacant military barracks in Gevgelia, Valandovo, Fudka and Negorci.
13. There is a militia unit of thirty-five men in the town of Gevgelia, under the command of 1st Lieutenant Risto Ristovski. On 15 February 1951 another militia unit consisting of thirty men arrived in Gevgelia and was assigned to the town's railroad station.
14. There is a UDB office in Gevgelia which is staffed with twenty men under the command of Lieutenant Georgi Popov, a former farmer from the village of Majin. His assistant is Lieutenant Georgi (a battle name).

D. District Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia (CPY) at Gevgelia:

15. The District Committee of the CPY in Gevgelia has fifty members. The leader and Political Secretary is Dimitar Aleksov, a former worker from Gevgelia. The Organizational Secretary is "Roman" (a battle name). At the end of 1950, the District Committee employed about forty people; however, that number has since been reduced to ten. Among the current employees are:
 - a. Angel Dimkov, a former worker from Gevgelia;
 - b. Petar Lazarev, a former farmer from the village of Miravce; and
 - c. Georgi Petroc, a former farmer from the village of Gradec.
16. The Executive Committee (Politbureau) of the District has ten members including the District Committee leader and the Organizational Secretary. Following are some of the members:
 - a. Risto Hucev, a former farmer from the village of Negorci;
 - b. Vanko Todorov, a former farmer from the village of Sermanin;
 - c. Mladen Pavlov, a former farmer from the village of Pirova; and
 - d. Risto Proshet, from the village of Bogdanci, who in addition to sitting on the Executive Committee is also Political Secretary of the Youth Committee.

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E. Organization of the Community People's Council:

17. The Community People's Council (Mesni Narodni Odbor) for the town of Gevgelia consists of an Assembly, the Presidium and its employees, and three Executive Commissioners. All members of the Council are elected for a two-year term. The Assembly elects the Chairman, the Secretary and the three Commissioners. The Chairman calls meetings of the Assembly.
18. Chairman of the Community People's Council in Gevgelia is Angel Restov, also known as "Fashini". Secretary to the Council is Sanda Djekov. Both are former workers from Gevgelia.
19. The following are the three Executive Sections of the Council, each of which is headed by a Commissioner:
 - a. Finance Section, headed by Petro Petkov, a former farmer from the village of Uma;
 - b. Trade Section, headed by Mitko Georgiev, from Greek Macedonia; and
 - c. Agricultural Section, headed by Georgi Dinev, a former farmer from the village of Mrzenci.
20. The local Committee of the CPY in the town of Gevgelia has as its Secretary Yanes Petrov, a former farmer from the village of Konjsko. The Executive Committee is composed of five members.

F. Federal Government Institution and Enterprises:

21. The following are the federal government institutions and enterprises in the town of Gevgelia:
 - a. State Monopoly Tobacco Warehouse. This warehouse is used to store unprocessed tobacco. The installation has approximately one hundred workers and is located near the railroad station. The warehouse existed before the war;
 - b. State Silk Factory. During the height of its seasonal production it has approximately two-hundred workers. The factory is under the direction of the Federal Silk Combine and existed before the war;
 - c. State Foundation for Mechanization. This establishment employs approximately thirty people and is responsible for supplying the thirty-three collectives in the District with fuel, equipment and seeds. The manager is a certain Djalev, a former farmer from the Village of Bogdanci;
 - d. State enterprise "Vardar", which is in charge of the maintenance and repair of roads;
 - e. Customs house, which has 8 employees;
 - f. Post office, which has fifteen employees;
 - g. The railroad station, together with a travel and information office under the management of Atanas Canciliev;
 - h. A four-year gymnasium with eight teachers on the faculty. The headmaster is a certain Bojadjijev. Sima Mojsov and Lepa Tasheva are members of the faculty;
 - i. A State pharmacy in Gevgelia and another in Valandovo;
 - j. A red pepper factory;

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22. The following are craftsman workshops in the District of Gevgelia:
- a. A tailor workshop, which has approximately forty employees and is under the management of Trajce Jotov, a tailor;
 - b. A shoe workshop, employing twenty workers and managed by Todor Kurakulov, a shoemaker;
 - c. A carpenter workshop, employing thirty workers and managed by Resto Stoimanov, a carpenter;
 - d. A mechanical workshop; and
 - e. A barber shop, employing fifteen workers and managed by a certain Popcev.
23. The following local institutions and enterprises are in the town of Gevgelia:
- a. Wheat bureau, which has ten employees and is responsible for the supplying of wheat and corn to the population;
 - b. An electric power plant, which has six employees and is operated by a Diesel engine. Dragi Zefirov is manager of the plant;
 - c. "Kosuh" a construction enterprise, which is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all houses in Gevgelia;
 - d. A mechanical workshop;
 - e. Two Orthodox and one Catholic church;
 - f. An elementary school with a faculty of fifteen, under the direction of Risto Mamkov;
 - g. An evening school for craftsmen;
 - h. A slaughter house, employing six workers;
 - i. A public library with approximately 2,000 books;
 - j. A physical culture club which has a motion-picture theatre, a dancing hall and a special hall for stage shows;
 - k. A public dispensary; and
 - l. A children's nursery under the supervision of Persa Mihailova.
24. The following are enterprises for the District of Gevgelia:
- a. District Trading Enterprise, which employs approximately one hundred and is in charge of all State shops selling consumers' goods. The manager is Mitko Curciev, a former merchant from the town of Gevgelia;
 - b. District Nursery Farm, which employs approximately fifty employees. The farm manager is Jovan Kulacev, a former farmer from the village of Bogdanci; and
 - c. District Hospital, which has 25 beds and is under the supervision of a Dr. Singer, who is the sole physician in the district.

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1. Washington Comment: An official publication by the Directorate of Information of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia entitled, Information Guide to Yugoslavia 1948-1949, lists the total population in Yugoslavia as 5,129. Hence, this raises the question of the accuracy of the figures given in this report.

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