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1. Approximately 100 Soviet geologists and technicians were busy prospecting and drilling in the immediate area of the Rosen Mine (RC-8221)<sup>1</sup>. Rich new ore deposits were discovered, and the earth was bored to a depth of 500 meters. The Soviets lived in a newly-built three-story house and did not mix with the Bulgarians.
2. Copper ore in large quantities and iron and tin in smaller quantities were being extracted from the mine.
3. The mine employed approximately 500 Bulgarians under the management of Petur Pakanov, a Bulgarian; there appeared to be no Soviet direction or interference in the administration of the mine. No exact output figures could be given; however, informant observed that twice and sometimes three times a week, twenty 4-ton trucks loaded with ore made three trips each to Burgas. The ore was transported by ship to the USSR. The only processing at the mine consisted of pulverization and washing.
4. Approximately 50 of the 500 workers in the mine were Communists. They lived in married quarters, were considered udarniks (shock workers), received cash bonuses, and were given lighter work to do. The Communists also received extra rations of sausage, cheese, and other items not available to regular workers. Non-Communist workers received 320 leva per day; however, since 200 leva were deducted for food, a worker was unable to satisfactorily feed and clothe himself or his family.
5. Workers were given a cash bonus for exceeding production quotas. However, the rations provided were not sufficient to enable a worker to meet even the normal quota.

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6. Miners were not allowed to seek other employment, and absenteeism was punished by a 500 leva fine. If a worker was absent for three consecutive days he was forced to labor under militia supervision until the fine was paid, and then, according to the decision of the local Party Committee, was either dismissed without the chance of re-employment elsewhere, or sentenced to a corrective labor camp.

1. [redacted] Comment: For further information on the Rosen Mines, see [redacted]

[redacted] Comment: Grid location is for the AMS M506 1:250,000 Map Series.

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