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1. There are approximately 22,000 inhabitants in Devin district; most of the people are Pomaks. The seat of the District People's Council is in Devin (N4145 E2424). The following officials were members of the Council:
 - a. Husein Aliev Sholev, Chairman;
 - b. Ilia Karov, Vice-Chairman;
 - c. Dimitur Apostolov, from Stoikete, Secretary;
 - d. Sto o Velev Pistalov, from Solishte, Commissioner of Education;
 - e. Todor Kalkov, from Stoikete, Commissioner of Agriculture;
 - f. Stolo Karov, from Shiroko Lak, Finance Commissioner;
 - g. Feizi Solakov, from Devin, Trade Commissioner;
 - h. Dr. Aleksandur Fadeev, a White Russian physician, Public Health Commissioner;
 - i. Vasil Kirakov, from Devin, Economic Commissioner;
 - j. Kosta Rusev, from Serpan, Personnel Commissioner; Rusev's office kept the records of all Sluzhba Kadre (Service Cadri) in the district;
 - k. Mrs. Kostova, Art and Culture Commissioner; and
 - l. Todor Dimitrov, from Leskovo, "Office Number 39" Commissioner. Dimitrov's office was in charge of civil air defense in the district.

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2. The Devin District People's Council also had a sports section and an economic section, but neither section had a chief when informant left.
3. The Devin Town Council governed the following communities:
 - a. The town of Devin, 2,000 inhabitants;
 - b. Nastan village;
 - c. Beden village;
 - d. Grokhotno village; and
 - e. Bedensko Chereshovo.
4. The Chairman of the Devin Town Council was Selim Kovachev from Beden; the Secretary was a certain Karov from Devin.
5. Devin District had the following communities:
 - a. Mikhalkovo: Mikhalkovo, Churukovo, Stomanovo, ~~Selaha~~, Osikovo, and Mikhalkovsko Chereshovo;
 - b. Breze: Breze and Bedenski Bani;
 - c. Shiroka Luka: Shiroka Luka, Vurbovo, Solishta, and Gela;
 - d. Stoikite: Stoikite and Grashtitsa;
 - e. Mugla: Mugla, Muglenski Kusk (Kesak?), and Chamla;
 - f. Trigrad: Trigrad, Giovren (sic), Tagodina, Vodni-Pad, Kozhari, and Kesten;
 - g. Borino: Borino and Chala;
 - h. Dospat: Dospat, Lyubcha, Barutin, Dospatski Kusk (sic), and Chavdar;
 - i. Zmeitsa; and
 - j. Leskovo.
6. The presiding judge of the Devin District Court was a Greek refugee who came from Plovdiv in the summer of 1951. The Public Prosecutor in Devin was Ivan Ivanov, a lawyer. The jury for trials is selected by the Personnel Commissioner of the District Council and is composed of Communist Party members.
7. The manager of the Devin branch office of the National Bank was a certain Lukov. The residents of Devin were not allowed to have more than 2,000 leva with them. The remainder of their money had to be deposited in the Bank.
8. The district's hospital was located in Shiroka Luka village. The Devin dispensary was headed by Dr. Ovagin and had one additional physician. Each community, group of villages as listed above, had its own doctor.

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9. The government shops and the district cooperative distributed all consumer goods in Devin district. The cooperative manager was Khristo Pisudov; Pisudov's assistant was Stefan Manolov. Ilia Paiev, a representative of the Ministry of Interior, was responsible for supervision of the collection of compulsory quotas of farm products for the government. It was rumored that the Ministry representatives would be selected by each Community People's Council.
10. The district office of the state enterprise in charge of road repairs had eight employees. The office manager was Vasil Todorov Lalov.
11. There were 34 elementary schools with 9,000 students and 140 teachers in Devin district. In Devin there was an elementary school and gymnasium with 11 grades; the enrollment was approximately 520 students.
12. The Devin branch of the Red Cross sponsored a course to train nurses and another course to train medical aides. All gymnasium graduates in Devin were obliged to attend one of the courses. The students were used by the Red Cross to collect various "voluntary" contributions for Communist causes. Dr. Aleksandur Fadeev was the Red Cross office manager.
13. There was a sawmill employing approximately 70 workers located in Mikhalkovo village. Another sawmill, employing approximately 150 workers, was located near Trigrad village; the Trigrad sawmill was equipped with new machinery of Swedish manufacture.

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