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1. The DSNM (Dimitrovski Suyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of People's Youth) is an affiliate of the Communist Party and has a Central Committee and an administrative structure like that of the Party. The head of the organization is a graduate of the Moscow Workers University, as was Georgi Dimitrov, a former leader of the DSNM.
2. The Shtab na Natsionalnata Mladezhka Brigada (National Young People's Brigade Headquarters), under the leadership of Penku Kusadinski, is an organization subordinate to the DSNM. It is financed by the municipal budget and the budget of the Communal Employment Ministry and is composed of two parts: the National Young People's Battalions and the Local Young People's Battalions.
3. The National Young People's Battalions are composed of university students, lycee graduates, and young men who are candidates for higher education. Members wear uniforms quite different from those of the Trudovaks, consisting of blue shorts, linen jackets, caps, and good-quality rubber shoes. The winter uniform is long trousers, shirt, jacket, soldier's overcoat; each student also receives two blankets and an enlisted man's drinking bowl and flask. One straw mattress is furnished for each 12 men for winter use.
4. Young People's Battalions work in the Silistra, Isperrikh, Dimitrovgrad, Khain Boas, Rositsa, and Topolnitsa areas, at the newly-constructed Sofia stadium, and on the Sofia-Vitosha highway.
5. The Khristo Botev National Young People's Battalion consisted of 800 students, divided into nine companies as follows:

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- a. Six companies of 46-50 students from the Svishtov Commercial College;
 - b. Two companies of students from religious schools; and
 - c. One company of students from Novi Pazar.
6. Headquarters of the Khristo Botev Battalion were in Oveu village (N4348 E2704), and consisted of a permanent staff of salaried Communists and a temporary clerical staff of students. The permanent complement was:
- a. Commander: Captain Dimitur Yanev, a partisan officer who wore the same type of uniform as the others;
 - b. Political commissar: An unidentified first lieutenant who directed the student representatives who delivered political lectures to the company;
 - c. Cultural director and trainer: An unidentified civilian who directed the student representatives, who in turn prepared political conferences, conversations, and entertainment; each company published a bi-weekly newspaper;
 - d. Food commissar: Dressed like the students and had no rank;
 - e. Training and mutual assistance director: An unidentified officer; instruction was given six days a week, including Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, to groups of 10-12 students in the use of rifles, carbines, Soviet and German Schneiders;²
 - f. Work distributor: Checked to see that the work quota of 3.5 cubic meters of earth had been dug and transferred 70-80 meters from the excavations; those students not completing their quota in the 3.5 hour work period were required to work overtime;
 - g. Work supervisor: An unidentified engineer; and
 - h. Doctor: Unidentified; civilian hospitals in the work area were used, and students requiring special attention were sent to Silistra.
7. Workers received a daily diet of 2,200 calories; the menu was as follows:
- a. Breakfast: Tea, 50 grams of white cheese and sometimes Balkan cheese or milk and marmalade;¹
 - b. Lunch: A very thick vegetable soup, a plate of meat, a dessert made with powdered milk [redacted] or a sweet spaghetti dish; and 50X1-HUM
 - c. Supper: Soup, a vegetable dish, compote or fruit; three times a week meat was served at supper as well as at lunch.
8. [redacted] battalion of 800 men and the Volunteer Workers' Battalion of 1,200 students from Stalin University were working on construction of the [redacted] 50X1-HUM Samuil-Silistra stretch of the Stalin railroad line. The Samuil-Ispirikh section of the railroad was opened for service in the summer of 1949; the remainder of the route was scheduled for completion by 1955 according to the 5-year plan but was being speeded up for completion in 1953. The Samuil-Silistra

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stretch is 72 kilometers long and passes terrain which has to be filled to a depth of 16 meters; [redacted] the construction was one of the most difficult jobs to be done in Bulgaria. Ispirikh (N4343 E2648) was general headquarters for the project; [redacted] the Stalin group's headquarters were in Roynovo (sic), Ispirikh district.

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9. [redacted] a total of 12,300 students throughout Bulgaria were members of the National Young People's work groups; there were six battalions of workers.

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10. The Local Volunteer Workers' Groups are separate battalions administered by the local People's Councils. They are financed by the budget of the local People's Councils and by the allocation of the profits of the TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo; Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm).

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1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the milk and marmalade had been sent to be given to the children but was actually channeled to the student labor groups.



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