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1. The ORPS (Obshch Rabotnicheski Profesionalen Suyuz; General Workers Professional Union) is the government sponsored labor organization of Bulgaria. It has the twofold duty of protecting the rights of the workers and inducing them to increase production, but in reality concentrates more on increasing production than on protecting the interests of the workers.
 2. Although not a Communist Party organization, the ORPS is so completely dominated by the Party through the union functionaries who are nearly all members of the Communist Party, that there is little to distinguish it from a completely Communist organization. There are no prerequisites to joining the union other than that one must be employed by an establishment which has a union.
 3. The unions hold meetings once a month. The topic at all meetings is either the ways and means of increasing production or the achievement of Soviet labor and ways of following the Soviet example in the field of production.
 4. All union members are entitled to spend up to 20 days each year at rest centers which are operated at low cost for members of the ORPS. Because of the low rates, the rest centers are very popular with the workers. The ORPS also has a policy of partial assistance to all members in case of illness; the fund benefits the member's family as well as the worker himself.

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5. The ORPS publishes a daily newspaper, Trud (labor), to which every union member must subscribe. The newspaper pursues a policy of praising Soviet labor and urging the Bulgarian workers to increase both the quality and quantity of production by following the Soviet example.
6. The Kliment Voroshilov Electrical Equipment Factory in Sofia has a chapter of the Electrical Worker's Union, an affiliate of the ORPS; members are issued an ORPS membership card. The chapter has nearly 3,500 members, slightly less than the total personnel of the factory; membership is "voluntary." The factory is subdivided into 16 departments and each department has its own branch of the union. The smallest units of the union are brigades (brigada), each of which have a brigadier in charge. Each two brigades have a treasurer whose main duty is to collect the union dues. The brigade treasurers give the dues to the branch treasurer who gives the money to the union treasurer for forwarding to the ORPS. Union dues vary from one to two percent of the members' monthly salary, depending upon the actual salary of the workers, that is, dues increase with salary.

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