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A) POLITICAL DATA

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a) Prisons for political prisoners:

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Penitentiary for political prisoners . . . . .

It is quartered in a former Austrian-Hungarian fort which is situated about 2 km North from the locality indicated on the margin, on the right side of the road which leads to OKUCANI.

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Director: Josip PIRANEC

Deputy Director: KOSAK

Prisoners: 7,500 - 8,000.

Surveillance:

An unknown number of soldiers belonging to People's Militia is guarding the prisoners.

CO: Capt. Ilija VUJIC.

The penitentiary is divided into 4 sections:

1-st section: criminals - about 1,000.

2-nd section and 3-rd section: political prisoners - about 3,000.

4-th section: Cominformists - 3,500 - 4,000.

Political personalities who are imprisoned:

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---Dr. Ljubo BRATUSA, former chief of Ustaša Police of Zgreb

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--- Vinko LUPSINA

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--- ŽIGA, officer of a motorized Ustasha unit

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REMARK: The majority of the political prisoners are sentenced from 5 to 10 years imprisonment because they are Anti-Communists.

During the summer season all the political prisoners and the Cominformists are being sent ~~for~~ to work, divided into groups of 500-1,000 men, to the localities mentioned below:

- GREDANI / PAKRAC
- DUBOVAC / PAKRAC
- OKUCANI / PAKRAC
- N. VAROŠ / PAKRAC

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The prisoners are being used for agricultural work, for repairs of roads, for work at brick-ovens, and for loading and unloading of wood at the RR Station of OKUCANI.

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The prisoners, who are being sent for work in a group of about 1,000 men, are guarded by about 150 men of Militia and by 10-15 militiamen on horses accompanied by police dogs.

On the place of work there is a militiaman standing every 7-8 meters, armed with P.P.Sh or SCHARTZ submachine gun.

The time-table for work:

From 5:00 AM until nightfall.

The prisoners are not being sent for work during the winter, with the exception, if necessary, of some group of 50-60 men, who are used for loading and unloading of foodstuffs from and on trucks, and who are going for this purpose to the RR Station of OKUCANI.

Punishment of prisoners:

Prisoners are punished in the following manner -- depending on the nature of fault committed:

--- On the place of work:

With the ~~and the~~ hands tied on the back, ~~the~~ body ~~is~~ bending backwards, the prisoner is forced to fix the sun with open eyes for about an hour. The prisoner is watched by a guard during the whole period of punishment.

--- In the penitentiary:

1) Hands and feet tied with chains. A piece of iron, weighing 15 kg, is hanged on the hands at the height of knees. A weight of 50 kg is tied to the feet in order that the prisoner has to draw it with him if he ~~raises it~~. The maximum duration ~~for~~ this punishment is 15 days.

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2) The prisoner is locked into a wardrobe (armadio), which is ~~as~~ high as a man,

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and he has to take care of all of his bodily needs inside this wardrobe. The maximum duration ~~of~~ this punishment is 4 days.

3) The prisoner is locked into a small wardrobe, about 1 meter high, and has to kneel during the whole night. In the morning he is sent ~~for~~ to work as all the others.

4) The hands of the prisoner are tied with an iron string and he is lifted ~~on~~ on a pole /of the fork-like form/ until he touches the earth with the ends of his toes. The punishment lasts from 1 to 3 hours.

Other smaller punishments are inflicted upon the prisoners, according to the faults they commit.

The Cominformist officers / formerly belonging to ~~the~~ the Armed Forces/ were being taken to work in the beginning in uniform and with the marks of their rank; later these were taken away.

Now they are being taken to work in uniform but without rank, or in civilian clothes if they have them.

A special surveillance is established for them; guards must be very strict in their duties.

The punishments for the officers:

The maximum punishment which is being inflicted upon the Cominformist officers is to keep them without drinking water during the whole day during the work.

Food:

The food is insufficient and little conditioned (condito); vegetable soups are being prepared, containing many vegetables ~~but~~ very few legumes.

The bread is dark; 600 grams per person during ~~the~~ summer season and 500 grams during the winter. ~~season~~

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Meat: 50 grams per person twice per week.

SERVICES:

Means of transport:

- 1 G.M.C. of 3 tons;
- 1 FORD of 3 tons;
- 1 OPEL BLITZ of 3 tons.

Unusable means:

- 1 FIAT
- 1 MERCEDES

The three efficient trucks are used for the transportation of foodstuffs, wood for burning, and various material.

MECHANICAL WORKSHOP:

There is a mechanical workshop in the interior of the penitentiary:

Equipment:

- 2 lathes
- 1 electric welding iron
- 1 autogenous welding iron
- 2 electric drills
- 1 emery wheel
- about 150 prisoners, among whom:

mechanics, electricians, carpenters, masons -- they are attached to to the work in the interior (inside) <sup>of</sup> the penitentiary.

INFIRMARY:

There are about 30-40 beds in the infirmary of the penitentiary.

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PHYSICIANS:

6-7 Dr. BUDAK, helped by 2 assistants and 3-4 infirmarians.

Those patients who have to undergo some operation are being transferred to ~~the~~ military hospitals

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SURVEILLANCE:

The penitentiary is guarded by ~~the guards~~ armed guards who are posted on the wall, which surrounds it, 30-40 meters distant one from the other.

VARIOUS DATA:

The fort is fenced by a wall, about 3 meters high. During the night it is illuminated by ~~the~~ electric lights which are placed upon ~~the~~ wooden poles, which are 20-30 meters distant ~~f~~ one from the other.

In the case of interruption of electric current, the light is being produced by an electricity producing group (of machinery) which exists in the interior of the fort.

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A) YUGOSLAV LAND FORCES

a) Troops:

Unit of the People's Militia at . . . . .

A unit of the People's Militia is in charge of the surveillance of about 400 prisoners held in a provisory forced labor camp which is situated on the peninsula of the locality indicated on the margin, and in charge of the supervision of work for the construction of an officers' rest home on the same peninsula

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CO: a major.

Other officers: 2 sub-lieutenants.

Noncoms: about 80.

Troops: about 20 men.

Armament: rifles of various models and  ~~pistols~~ pistols.

Quarters: the whole unit~~s~~, officers of the command included, is quartered in a barracks which makes part of the labor camp

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b) Various military data:

Desertion of soldiers belonging to People's Militia

On the date indicated on the margin about 20 men of those mentioned in the preceding paragraph deserted and escaped to ALBANIA after having taken possession of a boat in the port of MAKARSKA.

Rest Home for Officers

It is being constructed on the beach of the cape SE of the peninsula indicated on the margin.

Dimensions:

-- length: about 250 meters.

-- width: about 80 meters.

Th state of works:

The construction has reached the third floor and it is built in brick and stone.

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Workers:

About 400 men coming mainly from the court jail from SPLIT. They live in a provisory camp for forced laborers which is located near the rest home in construction; they are quartered in 6 wooden barracks, 60-70 prisoners in each one of them.

Surveillance:

It is carried out by the units of the People's Militia mentioned in the preceding paragraph a. It is billeted in a barrack which is larger than the a/m ones.

The building in construction and the group of barracks are fenced with a double line of barbed wire, which is watched by guards.

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B) YUGOSLAV NAVY

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[Redacted] School for gunners

It is located in the fort "MUSIL" of the town indicated on the margin.

CO: a lt. colonel

Officers-instructors: about 20

Pupils: about 70 - officers and noncoms.

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C) ECONOMIC DATA

1) Agriculture:

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[Redacted] State agricultural cooperative /Z.P.D./

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/ ZEMALJSKO POLJOPRIVREDNO DOBRO "VLADIMIR BAKARIĆ" /

It is located in the former court building in the former Arena Street No. 4.

Director: unknown. In August 1950 the director was a certain Zdravko ČIRIĆ, a Croat.

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Deputy director: VUKOVIĆ /?/ - the first name unknown.

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Employees: 10-12 approximately.

Dependences: it has various branches in ISTRIA.

Activity:

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it seems that it takes care

of the land property of those who opted, which it assigns later on to Croatian farmers,

and further that it assists farms to increase production by providing machinery and

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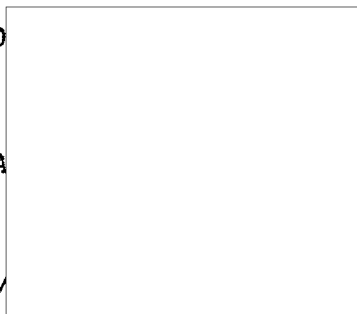
agricultural products /seeds, fertilizers, etc./.

In August 1950 this cooperative was dissolved, it seems <sup>because of</sup> ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~fi-~~ nancial losses caused by the incompetence of the a/m director.

After the management at POLA was dissolved, the branch offices, mentioned below, became autonomous.

They have their seats in:

- MEDOLINO
- PARENZO
- VISINADA
- MONTONA
- ORSERA /



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and in other unknown places.



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Location: on the market square of the town on the margin.

The a/m enterprise has replaced to a certain extent the "OTKUP" /the center for the obligatory delivery of milk, fruits, and vegetables/ which was dissolved

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Activity: Since ~~milk~~ there is no more obligatory delivery of milk, the enterprise purchases ~~is~~ from the producers and sells it in the dairy shops of the town of POLA.

3) Industry



"ISTARSKI KAMENOLOM" /Istrian quarry/

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Management: It is located in Carducci Street near the town coffee-house /former Café Italia/.

Director: Josip PALISKA, former miner.

In charge of personnel: Vladimir CIOLIC.

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Employees: 17-18 approx.

**Activity:**

It takes care of the production and sale of special stone /a type of white marble with black veins/ and of building stone which is obtained from depending quarries.

The major part of the stone obtained is being exported.

**Quarries under its jurisdiction:**

-- VALLE D'ISTRIA [Redacted] with about 40 workers. Production: building stone.

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-- TARRE / not indicated on the map/ with about 40 workers. Production: special Istrian marble.

-- CARNIZZA [Redacted] with about 250 workers. Production: the same as TARRE.

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-- S. STEFANO [Redacted] with 15-20 workers. Production: the best special marble.

-- PERUSKI [Redacted] with about 70 workers. Production: special marble as at TARRE.

-- ALTURA (hill) of POLA [Redacted] with about 70 workers. Production: building stone.

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**Destination of products:**

The stone obtained is partially intended for internal Yugoslav consumption, and partially it is forwarded to POLA by trucks, and from there to RIJEKA by railroad, and there it is loaded on ships in order to be exported.

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D) POLITICAL DATA

1) Various

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[ ]  
a) Political and criminal, civilian and military jail (*prison-house*)

**Location:**

It is located in the former Arditi Street behind the barracks which were formerly the seat of the Italian district company. It consists of a building with 3 floors, built in stone, and with part of the roof of the terrace type and with the other part in tile.

**Dimensions:** about 150 x 25 m/

It is encircled by a wall which is about 4 meters high.

**Director:** unknown.

**Prisoners:** 500-600, of which 200-250 are jailed for political reasons.

The jail is divided into two wings:

-- The left wing of the building /looking at the building from the former Arditi Street/ ~~which~~ is used for quarters of political and military prisoners.

-- The right wing: for common prisoners.

In the center of the building / on all floors/ there are various offices /not further defined/.

**Description of the jail:** (*prison-house*)

**Entrance:**

It consists of an iron door in the surrounding wall on the former Arditi Street.

Between the wall and the entrance into the building there is a space which is about 150 meters large and which is divided into various sectors where the inmates of the groundfloor take the air.

**Groundfloor:**

The entrance of the former Arditi Street leads to a hall in the center from which the stairs lead to upper halls and **SECRET CONTROL** offices are located. On the right side of the entrance there is: **U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY**

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--- The section for women / political and common prisoners/: it is divided in two parts by a large corridor on the sides of which there are 12 rooms in each one of which there are 8-10 prisoners. They take air: 2 hours daily in the courtyard located on the anterior side of the jail, *house*.

Military section: on the left of the entrance. Also this part is divided in two by a large longitudinal corridor on the sides of which there are two lines of 30 cells in each one of which there is one military person.

Surveillance: 4 soldiers /rank unknown/ of UDB in uniform, in turn.

1-st floor:

similar ~~to~~ the groundfloor.

On the right side: common prisoners of minor age.

Surveillance: People's Militia.

On the left side: political prisoners ~~which~~ who <sup>were</sup> ~~are sentenced~~ condemned for administrative offenses.

Surveillance: Administrative U.D.B.

In the center: various offices.

2-nd floor:

similar ~~as~~ the 1-st floor.

On the right side: common criminals, habitual and recidivous.

Surveillance: People's Militia.

On the left side: Cominformist suspects.

Surveillance: UDB officers in uniform.

In the center: various offices.

3-rd floor:

the same as other floors.

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On the right side: those imprisoned for common crimes and sentenced up to 6 months. They



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are used for work outside of the prison.

Surveillance: People's Militia.

On the left side: those suspected of trying to escape (from the country) and those suspected of Cominformism.

Surveillance: UDB in uniform and in civilian clothes.

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Internal surveillance:

-- Left wing: as described above, the officers and agents of UDB, either in uniform or in civilian clothes, carry out the ~~guarding~~ duty as ~~the~~ jail guards; they are opening and locking the doors; two officers are on duty on each floor.

-- Right wing: agents of the People's Militia are in charge of surveillance.


Personal armament of the internal surveillance personnel: pistol.

External surveillance: People's Militia.

Armament: submachine guns and pistols.

The source does not know the strength of the personnel of surveillance.

Contacts of prisoners with the outside world:

 never succeeded to make any contact, even not by letter.

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The food for prisoners:

Very small quantity, badly prepared, and always consisting of:

--  $\frac{1}{4}$  liter of coffee surrogate in the morning;

-- at noon: short  $\frac{1}{2}$  liter of soup prepared with barley flour, 500 grams of bread for the whole day;

-- the same soup in the evening;

-- meat: is never distributed.

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b) Court Jail of. . . . . ZAGREB

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It is located at an unknown place on the periphery of the city. The source is unable to give the exact location because during the time of imprisonment he was never sent to work outside. It is a former military building transformed into prison at an unknown time.

It is a two-storey building, ~~formed~~ composed of 4 wings in rectangular form, with an internal courtyard which is <sup>packed up</sup> ~~covered~~ almost entirely by the wood for burning /about 1,000 cubic meters/; the building is covered by black tiles.

External dimensions: about 80 x 80 m. Each wing of the building has an entrance door.

OO: a captain /name unknown/ of People's Militia.

Other officers: 7-8 subordinate officers whose names are not known to the source.

Troops: about 70 men of People's Militia.

Prisoners: about 800. Of various backgrounds: former Ustashas, Chetniks, Cominformists, and common criminals.

Internal surveillance:

In the central corridor on each floor there is a guard belonging to People's Militia, who is armed with pistol.

External surveillance:

4 guards on the corners of the building ;

4 guards /at each entrance one/.

Armament: pistols and submachine guns /number unknown/.

Treatment of prisoners:

Food: little and very bad.

Work: prisoners are interned in prison, some of them are used for cutting a large quantity of wood for burning which is accumulated in the courtyard/about 1,000 cubic meters/.

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[redacted] Prison /not known if political or criminal/ of . . . . . [redacted]

The exact location is not known. The source claims of having been imprisoned in an old castle which is situated outside of SPLIT, about 30 minutes walk from a cement factory /IAJDAN ? [redacted] It seems that this is the old fortress of KLIS /DM - BQ/.

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The surveillance is carried out by the People's Militia.

OO: unknown.

Strength:

-- Officers: about 10 of People's Militia

-- Troops: about 100 Militiamen.

Prisoners: number not known because they were being forwarded to various labor camps situated in the area.

The prisoners are political and common.

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