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Chief Of Militia Causes Mass Arrests.

SOURCE ISTANBUL: Letter from Bulgaria to A Turkish ethnic emigrant in Turkey

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1951.

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SEYMENLIYSKY Stoyan, 37, short, married, chief of the POMORIYE militia, was a Communist guerrilla prior to 9 September 1944 and had escaped to Turkey to avoid arrest. With the advent of Communism in Bulgaria he returned to the country and was appointed director to the CHERNO - MORE coal mines. Two years later he was promoted chief of militia in POMORIYE city, and began terrorizing the people. KALOVOROV Yani Nikolov, a rich ex-member of the Agrarian Party, was one of his victims. In the fall of 1951, the general committee of Bulgarian cooperatives stated that all wine and "raki" belonging to the people should be brought to the nearest cooperatives in a week's time. The reason for such a decision was to collect enough wine and "raki" for export to Czechoslovakia, which in return would supply different kinds of iron products. During a thorough search of POMORIYE a great quantity of wine and "raki" was found hidden in Yani's store-house and he was condemned to serve a long term in prison. SEYMENLIYSKY set him free against 30,000 Leva. Rumors began to circulate in the city about SEYMENLIYSKY receiving bribes. The authorities thought it wise to imprison KALOVOROV to cover the whole affair. After a long investigation it was proved that KALOVOROV was regularly listening to the broadcasts of "Radio Free Europe" and the Voice of America and was impressing people by narrating news about Democratic countries. Several persons were arrested while caught in writing "Long live America and all the Democratic Nations" on walls. APOSTOLOV Andrey, a rich and influential member of the opposing Democratic Party was accused of cooperating with KALOVOROV who was charged with provoking the citizens against the administration. A mass arrest took place and the fate of the prisoners was kept secret.

On 28 October 1951, four tons of fish were exported to POMORIYE. Each citizen was entitled to half a kilo while the Communist leaders, like SEYMENLIYSKY, received 40 kilos each.

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The above-mentioned incidents caused great discontent among the inhabitants of POMORIYE.

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