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BULGARIA

PRISONS and CAMPS

The two largest forced labor camps in Bulgaria are situated in BOGDANOV DOL, near PERNIK and on the PERSIN island, near TUTRAKAN. Each holds about 10,000 prisoners.

There are two more large labor camps at BELIMERCI near SOFIA, and in DOBRIC. Inmates of the camps in GIGEN and BELENE are working on the regulation of the Danube river.

The total number of prisoners of labor camps in Bulgaria amounts to about 45,000.

In Bulgarian prisons there are now about 32 to 34,000 prisoners, about 10,000 of them in SOFIA alone.

About 1,500 to 1,700 people were serving sentences for attempting to escape through Yugoslavia. About 1,800 people are under arrest by way of reprisal for the activities of their relatives, either in partisan ranks or in Yugoslavia.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : fairly reliable;
Information: auf der Insel PERSIN sind zwei Lager mit je 1,000 Lagerinsassen. "BELIMERCI" in der Nahe von SOFIA ist nicht bekannt.
Alle andere Zahlen des Berichtes sind wahrscheinlich, aber nicht bestaetigt.