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Confiscated Factories At TOLBUHINSOURCE ISTANBUL: Interview with three Turkish ethnic emigrants from TOLBUHIN.DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1947 to 1952.

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The following factories were confiscated by the Communist Government in TOLBUHIN (old name DOBRICH):

Flour mills: there were four large flour mills belonging to PESHKOV Radi, (LNU) Yordan, PESHKOV Georgi and a Jew named "Little" Marko. These mills were built in 1927 (when the Dobrudja region was part of Rumania) and equipped with Diesel motors. Each mill had a 24-hour grinding capacity of eight to 10 carloads of wheat. All these mills were confiscated by the Communists in 1947; their owners were forced to earn their living as laborers or simple workers. PESHKOV's Georgi three-story apartment building and all his stores and warehouses were also seized and he was forced to live in two basement rooms of his own apartment.

Vegetable oil factories: there were three factories producing vegetable oil and belonging to GEORGIEV Slavi, GEORGIEV Danail and a Jew from ODESSA named SINONSKI Ilia. These factories were seized by the government in 1947; their owners were expelled. GEORGIEV Slavi died of a heart attack while the Communists confiscated his factory. GEORGIEV Danail, 65, tall and dark, died in misery in 1949. SINONSKI is now earning his living by weaving straw mats.

Weaving and textile factories: there were two weaving and textile factories in TOLBUHIN. One was owned by GUEV (fnu), 60, who died of a heart attack after his factory was confiscated by the Communists. The other and larger factory, belonged to a Jew MELANET Yasef and his sons. It employed 120 workers and worked on a 24-hour basis. Equipped with 50 weaving machines of German type, this factory had a daily output of 2,000 meters of cloth. After the nationalization of the factory in 1947, the sons of Yasef, 55-year-old Moiz and 50-year-old Leon, were obliged to work in the factory as simple workers. The factory is now known under the name of "Dobrichki-Tekatil."

EVAL. COMMENT: No information available.

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