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BULGARIA

MORALE AND GENERAL MOOD
Jokes

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SOURCE TRIESTE: Bulgarians in exile.
DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

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Two Bulgarian Communist officials were riding through the country when they came upon a peasant who was planting something. The officials stopped the car and asked the peasant what he was planting. The peasant did not answer. They asked again, but still no reply came from the farmer. One of the officials angrily asked the question a third time, but his comrade interrupted him by saying:

"Let him alone; whatever he is planting will be for us."

Upon hearing this, the peasant came to life and ingeniously replied:

"I am planting hemp to make rope."

EVAL. COMMENT: Stale joke.