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PRIVATE PROPERTY
Expropriation

Communists Confiscate Properties

SOURCE ISTANBUL: Turkish ethnic emigree
DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1945 to 1950

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KADOV Georgi, a rich Bulgarian from SVISHTOV, owned a mill. In 1947, his mill was confiscated and he was forced to join the Communist Party.

VISOKOV Nikola, owner of a big farm in SVISHTOV, which was seized by the government in 1947, died of hunger in 1950.

KARANACHEV Slavi, one of the former rich citizens of SVISHTOV, is frequently seen in the streets begging for food. His present situation is due to the confiscation of his farm in 1948.

DORCHEV Luben was a wealthy pharmacist in SVISHTOV. After the seizure of his drugstore he can hardly support his family.

KEKE Mehmet received punishment for refusing to join the Communist Party in SVISHTOV. The 600 sheep, 50 cows, a house, stables and two million leva belonging to him were confiscated and he was sent to Turkey as a penniless emigree.

ZLATANOV Ivan, ex-owner of a mill, of an oil factory, of farms and vineyards in SVISHTOV, lives on the charity of his friends, after the seizure of his properties in 1947.

NACHOVA Kara, a wealthy farmer previous to 1945, became a pauper due to the confiscation of his property as a result of his refusing to join the Communist Party.

EVAL. COMMENT: The cited cases are UNCONFIRMED but such events are of general occurrence all over Bulgaria.