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ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS "COLLECTIVE."

SOURCE ROME: A 33-year-old Bulgarian from SOFIA, architect
by profession.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Up to November 1954.

EVAL. COMMENT: None.

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Source tells us that the following three departments
have been set up in all ministries and in the largest national
enterprises:

1. Proektanski Otdel - Projects Department.
2. Kapital Stroitelstvo - Capital for the execution of
building.
3. Stroitelno Obedinenie - Building Department.

These three departments were formed on the Soviet model.
The number of specialists and clerks in these three departments
averages 500 to 600 people. This includes architects,

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engineers, draughtsmen, technicians etc.

The Projects Department was engaged in the creation of plans and work programs. The second department is a type of credit bank or concern for construction. The third department carries out the construction.

Source says that these three departments, organized as described above and "synchronized" among themselves, are among the more reasonable Soviet ideas. Had it not been for a lack of consideration for the intellectuals, making them work under ignorant Communists, and had they eliminated some imperfections and inconveniences, this new system might have produced good results.

The head of the department in which source was working was a Communist official who was a general technician without any special qualifications. This ignorant Communist made the work very hard and unpleasant. He often imposed his will on the others and was continually reprimanding staff members who were better qualified than he. To please the government, he often made the staff work overtime.

Source worked in the Building Union attached to the Peoples Council of Deputies of the working class /Naroden Savet Na Deputatite Na Trudeshtite Se/ in SOFIA and earned 740 levas a month. For this wage he often had to work until midnight and sometimes even the whole night. This overwork not only exhausted him, but became the reason of his disagreement with his family, because wives do not always believe that every absence or delay of a husband is due to overtime. The child of source, now two years old, did not know his father and began to cry when he saw him. He was afraid of his father's sudden nervous outbursts due to exhaustion.

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