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COMMUNIST PARTY
Personalities
Abuse of Power

Peasant Murdered For Trying To Apply Communist Methods.

SOURCE ISTANBUL: A Bulgarian escapee, former inhabitant of DOBRELEVO village, district OREHOVO.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: May 1948

"On 27 May, 1948, KOJUHAROV Boycho was arrested and taken to the OREHOVO Security. (LNU) Juli, an outstanding Communist was seen summoning a doctor. An anxious crowd had gathered in front of the building.

I shall never forget the strange horror of waiting for some unavoidable evil. A dead silence reigned all over the crowd. At 0300 hours a mute boy, the doctor's servant, came running out of the building. There were tears in his eyes as he explained by gestures that Boycho was killed. A few moments later we saw (LNU) Juli and (LNU) Klambuka dragging out Boycho's corpse trying to put it into a truck. Boycho's father ran out to take away his son's body. Half way across the road a woman screamed. The thin body of KOJUHAROV Boycho, bruised and garroted, lay sprawled face upward in the middle of the square. There was something vaguely familiar about the shape of his body, but as his skull was crushed to pieces it was impossible to identify him. For a few exasperating moments the people stood in horror and then panicky they scattered over the city.

On 17 May, 1948, during a meeting held in MALORAD village near OREHOVO, a Soviet agricultural expert talked about the possibilities of sowing three layers of potatoes to a one-meter deep soil.

Some 20 days later, KOJUHAROV Boycho, a peasant from MALORAD village was discussing the meeting with (LNU) Juli and (LNU) Klambuka, the two officials from the propaganda section in OREHOVO. Boycho said, "Maybe, comrades, what that expert told us at the meetings is true. Let us try to apply it on the farms and see what will happen." His two Communist friends were enraged to hear him speak in such a manner. Juli gripped Boycho's waistcoat. His whole face was livid with rage as he slowly said: "How dare you make fun with our honorable allies. You'll pay for it!" At 2200 hours Boycho was arrested and taken to the OREHOVO Security. As a result of the torture he had to suffer he died at midnight. His family

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took his body to MALORAD. The murderers claimed he committed suicide. On the request of Boycho's family a committee from SOFIA presided over by MIHAILOV Hristo, an OREHOVO deputy, investigated the case and decided Boycho had been murdered.

At the funeral of KOJUHAROV Boycho, the villagers touched by the dramatic scene shouted, 'We want justice! Those who kill must be killed!'

Although Juli and Klambuka were arrested, they were released a month later and promoted to better jobs."

EVAL. COMMENT: May be true; stroy and persons' names are not confirmed