

ITEM No 4525/55

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June 2
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BULGARIA

STANDARD OF LIVING /3200/
Prices /3204/

TRADE /3300/
Prices /3307/

PRICES.

SOURCE ATHENS: A 30-year-old Greek woman, repatriated
hostage.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until January 1955.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The reported prices, as observed on the
SOFIA market in January 1955, are correct, with the following
exceptions: one lemon costs from three to five Leva /it may
cost more if this item is in short supply on the market;/
black bread "tipov" - one kilogram - 1.50 Leva; bread
"pshenichen" - three Leva; white bread - 3.75 Leva; and
white sheep cheese - eight to ten Leva per kilogram.

The latest retail price reduction in
Bulgaria, which took place on April 24 1955, affected food
items by from five to 32 per cent; textiles - from eight to
30 per cent; fruit - from 11 to 40 per cent; etc.

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CLOTHING: -

Cotton material /per meter/	13 leva
Silk material /per meter/	60 "
"Zell-Wolle" ersatz Material	50 "
Men's jacket	650 "
Women's rubber-soled shoes /per pair/	120-160 "
Men's leather shoes	400 "
Women's underslip /artificial silk/	70 "
Women's underslip /real silk/	120 "
Women's underslip /cotton/	38 "
Silk dress /ready made/ /more/	300 "

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Cotton dress /ready made/	150 leva
Women's coat /poor quality/	300-600 "

VEGETABLES: -

Beans	6- 10	"	kilo
Lentils	5	"	"
Canned peas	5	"	"
One orange	5		
One lemon	10- 12	"	
Tomatoes	1	"	"
Apples	2	"	"
Pears	2	"	"
Strawberries	3	"	"
Cherries	1.50- 2	"	"
Melon	1.50	"	"

GROCERIES: -

Black bread "tipov"	2.80	"	"
Bread "pshenitchen"	3.20	"	"
White bread	5.20	"	"
Coffee /real/	400.--	"	"
Olives	24-25.--	"	"
Oil	60.--	"	"
White flour	5.20	"	"
Canned fish /20 x 20 x 1.5/	8.--	"	"
Jam /whole fruit	10.--	"	"
Jellies	6.--	"	"
White cheese	10.50-13.--	"	"
Cheese /kashkaval/	15.--	"	"
Salt	1.50	"	"
Fresh butter	20.--	"	"
Oleo	12.50	"	"
Wine	12.--	"	liter

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MEATS AND FISH: -

Pork	12.--	leva	kilo
Lamb	12.--	"	"
Sausage /good quality/	24.--	"	"
Sausage /poor quality/	13.20	"	"
"Slanina" /pork fat/	15.--	"	"
Bacon	24.--	"	"
Fish	12.- -15.--	"	"

MISCELLANEOUS:-

One pencil	0.50	"
Streetcar fare	0.20	"
Movies	1.60 -3.20	"
Theater, opera	10.--	"

RAILROADS: -

SOFIA to PLOVDIV	19.--	"
SDFIA to ISKER	1.20	"
SARANOV to PAZARDZHIK	5.40	"
SOFIA to BANKI	4.--	"

End.