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Anti-WesternWrestlers Used As Means Of Propaganda.SOURCE ISTANBUL: A letter from Bulgaria to an ethnic emigree in TurkeyDATE OF OBSERVATION: August 1951.

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The well-known yearly wrestling matches in Bulgaria took place on 28 August 1951, in LULAKOVO billage near AITOS. Members of the municipality were in charge and the dais erected for the occasion was full of Communist leaders. Wrestlers from all parts of Bulgaria were gathered in the square.

The most outstanding Communists present were YANCHEV Todor, an agent from AITOS; SURCHEV Panayot, the assistant-director of the Security Organization" SÜLEYMANOV Shükri, a member of the BURGAS county committee.

The wrestling began with a speech by SÜLEYMANOV. After going through the usual routine of praising the blessings brought on by the Communist regime, he wished good luck to the wrestlers and added, "I am very happy to inform you, comrades, that our famous wrestler (NU) Zambak who emigrated to Turkey has succeeded in coming back to Bulgaria. I received a cable from BURGAS; he will be here in about 20 minutes. Zambak went through a lot of adventures in Turkey. He was sent to Anatolia after arriving in EDIRNE, and there he understood what Capitalism meant. The village he was sent to was awful place. There was no food to eat and no place to sleep. The uncivilized villagers kidnapped his wife. For five days he searched the village threatening everybody with his enormous strength. At last he was able to locate his wife in a house where she had been violated by nine men. In uncontrollable fury he killed the nine peasants to save the honor of his wife. Cursing the capitalist, he immediately left Turkey to return to Bulgaria, and you will see him in a few minutes." The people waited for many more minutes, but Zambak did not run up.

Notwithstanding SÜLEYMANOV's speech and the rumors about Zambak's return to Bulgaria, he has not been seen in the country by anyone.

EVAL. COMMENT: Except SURCHEV Panayot (see our item 11741), the other persons are unconfirmed. The story about the speech could be taken for true, having in view the general lack of responsibility among the Communist leaders to use lies in their propaganda speeches.