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SOURCE TRIESTE : Bulgarian in exile in contact with high Bulgarian political and commercial circles.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : May 1953.

EVALUATION COMMENT : The reported prices of an electric bulb, a bunch of narcissus, a cablegram abroad, opera tickets and a bottle of mineral water are correct; however, no confirmation is available in this office on the rest of the reported prices.

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A 25 Watt bulb, - 2 Leva

Recently the former Tevekeliev shop put on sale strawberry jam in glass jars with Soviet labels. Everybody said that this concerned a supply which was discarded by the Soviets. And everybody was pleased because it gave them a chance to taste this jam. We only write "taste" it, because its price was indeed very high: 25 Leva the kilogram.

A rough plastic soap-stand like those frequently sold in the West on the markets but of a much poorer make: 5,30 Leva.

A kitchen knife with a wooden handle and very roughly made: 6 Leva.

A table knife, very ordinary, 5,20 Leva.

A table spoon, very ordinary, 7,20 Leva.

A fork, very ordinary, 6,50 Leva.

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A bunch of narcissus bought at a state shop on VI Septemvri Street: 1,50 Leva.

A man's cotton under-vest, with half length sleeves, of a dirty bluish color, both the material and the make very rough: 27,80 Leva.

Wooden clothes-hangers also with small bar to hang up pants, but made so roughly that wooden splinters stick to the clothes hung on them: 1,40 Leva.

An urgent cable sent from SOFIA costs 1,26 Leva per word.

A water glass, with a very ugly shape and very roughly made, manufactured at the D.I.P. Stakearska Fabrika "Nadejda" at VOENNA RAMPA: 1,40 Leva.

A ticket for the opera, second rank, costs 4,80 Leva, a bottle of mineral water (containing circa 350 gr.), price 0,80 Leva the bottle.

A skirt for a very small girl, badly made, of a very ugly cotton material with bad coloring: 28 Leva.

A "kasket": 23,50 Leva.

A pair of small pincers, Bulgarian production: 15,80 Leva.

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