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BULGARIAPRISONS & CAMPS

Personnel &amp; Guards

Inmates

Location

KRDJALI Prison And Others.

SOURCE ATHENS: A Bulgarian refugee, who escaped to Greece on 15 January 1952. He was incarcerated in KRDJALI prison from January to September 1951.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: September 1951

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The KRDJALI prefectural prison is located on the eastern outskirts of the town. It is a two-story building, 60 by 80 meters in area, surrounded by a four-meter wall; its 300 inmates in September 1951 were all offenders of the common criminal law. Those who work in the prison workshops, shoemakers, tailors and basketmakers, receive 25 per cent of the profits, while prisoners engaged in heavier jobs in a nearby stone-quarry are rewarded by a reduction of their sentence, two days' work being counted as three.

The director of the prison is 40-year-old CHRISTOV Christo, of SOFIA, a man feared by the prisoners because of his cruelty. The following prison guards, also, are distinguished for their cruelty and brutal treatment of prisoners:

VANCHEV Iordan, 30

IVANOV Petko, 23

TRINKOV Anton, 40

On the other hand, chief guard DIMITROV Iordan, from STAMBOLOVO (Haskovo district), is a kindhearted man, considerate in his attitude toward the inmates.

Source said that he learned in conversation with fellow inmates at KRDJALI that other prisoners in Bulgaria are located at the following places:

SOFIA - Two adult prisons, one juvenile prison

PLOVDIV - One prison

PAZARDNIK - One prison

HASKOVO - One prison

STARA ZAGORA - One prison

SLIVEN - Two prisons

BURGAS - One prison

STALIN (VARNA) - One prison

TOLBUHIN (DOBRICH) - One prison

KRDJALI - One prison

KOLAROVGRAD (SHUMEN) - One prison

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