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BULGARIA

HEALTH (1600)  
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MEDICAL CARE.

SOURCE ATHENS: Group interview with 17 repatriates of Turkish ethnic origin.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Up to July 1955.

EVALUATION COMMENT: This report is a sequel to ROME Item No. 1393/55, dealing with the same problems.

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One of the repatriates had an accident at the beginning of the year when a wagon into which he was loading coal crushed his foot. He spent several months in hospital receiving treatment for two broken toes. He mentions three things in particular about the hospital.

1. Only those who were gravely ill were accepted in the hospital because there were so many sick people in the country.
2. The food provided was insufficient, consisting of only soup, potatoes, tomatoes and very occasionally a little meat.
3. The doctors are, without exception, all anti-Communists and do not trouble to hide their feelings.

The Bulgarian children are not healthy because they do not have enough food. When their parents complain about this they say "I hope there will be another war soon so that our conditions will improve. We will all fight against the Communists."

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