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AGRICULTURE
Kolkhoz

BULGARIA

COMMUNIST PARTY
Personalities

Inventory And Productivity Of PESHTERSKO
Kolkhoz.

SOURCE ISTANBUL: A Bulgarian escapee in Turkey, a former inhabitant of PESHTERSKO

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1949 to 1950.

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When the PESHTERSKO kolkhoz was finally founded, CHIKOV Kosta Vasilev was appointed the first kolkhoz president. He resigned however, when he was appointed Communist Party secretary and was replaced by KOSTADINOV Kostadin Georgiev, 41, auburn-haired, married and father of one child. At that time the kolkhoz covered an area of 1300 decarees of tillable land.

The only machinery which the kolkhoz had, was one sowing machine and a number of plows, which previously belonged to farmers who were forced to join the collectivized farm. As the kolkhoz had no tractor, a government loan was granted, with which the kolkhoz administration bought a "Stalinets" tractor, complete with a trailer. The additional machinery needed for harvesting was procured from the AITOS M.T.S. (Mashino Traktorna Stansija, Machine and Tractor Station.)

In 1949, the kolkhoz inmates had some remuneration for their work: they received four kilos of provisions for each working day performed. As it is the custom in kolkhozes no money was handed to the inmates.

In 1950, when the crop was more favorable than the previous year, each kolkhoz member received five kilos of cereals per day of work and an extra 125 Leva for each day of active work. No need to mention that these frugal rations were insufficient for the peasants.

As the pay and rations handed out to the members are calculated by the administrative office and as the peasants have no means of controlling the income of the farm, it is impossible to have an estimate of the profit or loss of the kolkhoz. It is supposed that the ever increasing constructions work eats up all profits (if any) of the kolkhoz.

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