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BULGARIA

STANDARD OF LIVING (3200)
Prices (3204)

TRADE (3300)
Prices (3307)

Present Prices Of Various Items

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

DATE OF OBSERVATION: July 1953.

EVAL. COMMENT: Documentary evidence for the reported prices is on hand.

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One kilo of "locum" costs 14.80 Leva. We are attaching a label from a $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo tin.

In addition we are attaching two entry tickets for a concert which took place in the SALA BULGARIA. The price was 5.60 Leva each, including a check-room fee. The price for the concerts varies according to the concert. The price of 4.00 Leva listed on the ticket refers to common concerts only.

We are also enclosing a paperbag for caramels which faintly resemble some types of American candies. These are the so-called "daychashti bomboni," in packs of 100 grams each and manufactured by the "Malchika" factory. They are made of sugar, glucose, butter, gelatine, wine acid and essences.

The attached receipt refers to the purchase of 20 liters of gasoline, at 1.35 Leva per liter, and one liter (mixture) for motorscooters at 7.50 Leva per liter. This receipt was issued by the State enterprise "Petrol" - distributing station No.6 of SOFIA.

We are also including two empty packs of different brands of Bulgarian cigarettes: "Arda," which cost 1.30 Leva per pack (20 cigarettes,) and "Travel," a type of Virginia cigarette, which costs 3.80 Leva per pack.

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