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Communist Party Members And Officials In LESOVO, District
ELHOVO

SOURCE ISTANBUL: A Bulgarian escapee, former inhabitant of LESOVO village.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: November 1951

GORGIEV Dimitir, 67, president of the village Soviet.
A tall, greying man, was a Communist long before 1944.

SABEV Nikola, president of the village cooperative, was in jail from 1936 to 1939, on charge of attempted murder of his wife.

TASHEV Atanas, 52, president of the LESOVO kolkhoz, of medium height, white-haired and walks with a slight limp.

POPOV Eftim Petrov, 28, tall, black-haired and black-eyed, married and father of one child, is director of the LESOVO post-office. POPOV established a censorship of his own, reporting to local militia any writers of letters criticizing the government.

SABEV Stoyan Stoyanov and his wife STOYANOVA Kula, who until August 1951 were in charge of the village mill, were the two most feared Communists. Eager to denounce enemies of the regime, SABEV committed the error of denouncing an army officer (NU), whom he thought an anti-Communist. The officer, a trustworthy Communist, saw to it that both SABEV and his wife were removed from the village.

CHIRAKOV Hristo Gõrgi, 35, has black hair and eyes, is married and father of one child. His duty is to visit the villagers and report on their loyalty to militia authorities. CHIRAKOV who does some reporting to military authorities as well, saw to it that all dogs in the village were exterminated to facilitate his job of sneaking undetected behind doors and windows.

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YANEV Boris, 52, the former village president, was dismissed from duties for unknown reasons. At present he is a member of the kolkhoz and does not take part in any political activities.

YANEVA Tasha, 38, is a member of the village council. She is a Communist of long standing, who prior to 1944, insisted that her children get a Communist education. She tried to send her son, **YANEV Peyu**, to the Soviet Union to study, but with the coming of the war she could not achieve her plans. Peyu, who is a student at the University of SOFIA, frequently visits the village, giving lectures on the ideal of the kolkhoz and the 'criminal activities' of the kulaks.

PREEVA Mariyka Dimitrova, 32, mother of three children, tall and brown-haired is an active member of the village council.

CHIRIPOV Jeliasko Kolev, 25, a student at the University of SOFIA, tours the LESOVO-RAZDEL area, lecturing on the advantages of Marxism and Leninism. CHIRIPOV is married and father of one child.

MARDANOV Atanas Jeliasko, 25, a classmate and companion of CHIRIPOV, accompanies the latter on all his propaganda tours.

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