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SOURCE ATHENS: A Bulgarian mechanic who escaped to Greece in November 1951.
DATE OF OBSERVATION: Late 1951.

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Bulgarian factoryworkers wear the Communist badge, but it is doubtful, whether all who do so are Communists. It is a fact, moreover, that the spirit and morale of rank-and-file Communists are not what they were. They are much less active, less keen to boost the Party line, less ready to dance to the Party's tune. The degrees of their fanaticism seem to have become blunted. They appear bored and disheartened, and the obviously disapproving attitude of the public is an additional deterrent to their zeal.

EVALUATION COMMENT: There is no reason for the Bulgarian workers to be happy and content. They have a far lower standard of living and must work much more under bad working conditions. They have only duties but no rights in exchanges.