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BULGARIA

INDUSTRY

Mining
Others

TRADE

Foreign

SOURCE MUNICH: No information available

DATE OF OBSERVATION: current

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According to the Yugoslav press two mixed Soviet-Bulgarian companies are busily exploiting the natural resources of the district of Kurdzhali for the benefit of the USSR. The mixed company for mineral and forest products, Gorubso, under the management of a Soviet specialist, KOVAL, employs some two thousand workers in the preliminary processing of lead. The Sovvolstroy company, under German and Soviet "guidance" and with the use of Bulgarian labor, is constructing a factory for zinc processing. All production goes to the Soviet Union.

In connection with exports to the USSR, another source (not the Yugoslav press) reports watching almost daily the unloading of Bulgarian food cargoes in the Rumanian port of GALATI. All food immediately transported to RENI and ISMAIL and thence on for Soviet consumption.

EVAL. COMMENT: Information on "Gorubso" mining company and exports to the USSR are correct; "Sovvolstroy" is UNCONFIRMED.