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BULGARIA

INDUSTRY

Consumer goods

ARMED FORCES

War preparations

COMMUNIST PARTY

Inner life

SOURCE MUNICH: no information available

DATE OF OBSERVATION: December 1951

The SOFIA populace firmly believes that the fire in the "9 September" shoe factory resulted from deliberate sabotage. (Date of fire and amount of damage not stated.)

All government workers aged 15 to 50 now attend obligatory civil defense classes every working day. (According to the information received, the classes are held from 0530 to 0700 hours. It would seem more likely that p.m. is meant unless the classes are to be held for a short period only.)

General TRUNSKI and Col. ZNEPOLSKI Dencho were "liquidated." (According to another report, a General VALEV (fmu) replaced General TRUNSKI as commander of the Third Army.)

EVAL. COMMENT: 1st paragraph - no information - UNCONFIRMED
2nd paragraph - confirmed (see our Item 13056)
3rd paragraph - confirmed (see our Items: 8218 of 1951 and 439 of 1952.)