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Propaganda.

1. Bulgarian propaganda in MACEDONIA is active and a Bulgarian Club has been opened in SALONICA: Membership of the club is only for those who have opted for Bulgarian nationality. According to a Bulgarian officer in SALONICA more than 80,000 people have joined the club: the said officer also stated that many of the members joined merely out of self-protection: this fact is known to the Bulgarians but they want to show that MACEDONIA is populated by a large Bulgarian element. Members of the club receive food and money.
2. The inhabitants of IDESSA and VERRIA have declared themselves pro-Bulgarian: as a result, supplies of foodstuffs arrive regularly and are distributed amongst the population: the Greek Authorities complained at the unfairness of such distribution.

Labourers for Germany.

3. There has been little response to the German demand for Greek labourers for Germany: about seventeen parties of labourers have left for Germany.
4. A Greek labourer who is now in a German coastal town stated in a letter that there were air raids daily and that he regretted he had accepted to go to Germany.

Bulgarian S.S. in HEBRUS district.

5. A Bulgarian S.S. has been set up in the HEBRUS district with H.Q. at MARASION: Chief of the Secret Service is TSINAR KONSTANTI (formerly Constantinos TSINARIS), a Bulgarian inhabitant of MARASION.
6. Nineteen German Customs officials who arrived in HEBRUS and were posted at PETHION, NEA-VYSSA, MARASION and DIKEA are German officers.

Food Situation.

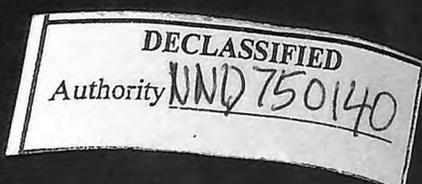
7. In many towns in Greece bread is unobtainable even on ration cards: in VOLO no bread was obtainable for five days: in the PELOPONNESE many of the inhabitants have not eaten bread for some time. There are still deaths due to starvation.

Prices.

8. Price of wheat in VOLO is Drchs. 4500 per oke (2.8 lbs.). 1 oke of olive oil is exchanged for 150 drams (400 drams = 1 oke) of wheat by the inhabitants. Price of charcoal is 500 drchs per oke. Firewood is 200 drchs. per oke.

Prices in Macedonia.

9. Distribution of bread is now regular and the bread ration in SALONICA and other towns in MACEDONIA is 60 drams per person per day, price Drchs. 150 per 60 drams.



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Prices of other commodities are as follows:

Wheat	3000	drohs.	per oke
Pastries (small)	450	"	IN each
Olive Oil	12000	"	per oke
Butter	24000	"	" "
Meat	6-7000	"	" "
Tomatoes	550	"	" "
Cabbage	200	"	" "
Cigarettes	15	"	each
Men's suits	2000000	"	or more
Men's shoes	50-75000	"	per pair
Quinine	200	"	per tablet.

11. There is no control of food prices and as a consequence all commodities are sold freely at excessive prices.

12. A certain amount of relief has been felt amongst employees who have recently been graded and receive an additional cost of living allowance of Drohs. 2000-3000, every fifteen days. Employees also receive priority in the distribution of foodstuffs on ration cards. In general there is little employment. Factory employees are paid Drohs. 600-800 per day.

Tithe Tax - MACEDONIA.

13. Owing to the severe measures adopted by the Authorities, the Tithe and Retention Taxes were collected successfully. Retention was as follows:-

From 25-100 acres	.....	25%	(excluding Tithe Tax)
Over 100 "	.....	40%	(" " ")

Postal Services.

14. As from 1.9.42 postal, telephones and telegraph rates were increased: ordinary postage rate is Drohs. 25 per letter, registered letters Drohs. 50. Telegrams cost Drohs. 67 up to 10 words and Drohs. 5 for each additional word. For urgent telegrams the charge is doubled or trebled.

15. For trunk calls the charges are as follows:-

Up to 10 kms.	.....	Drohs.	40
10 to 25 kms.	.....	"	50
25 to 50 kms.	.....	"	60
75 to 100 kms.	.....	"	80
Over 100 kms.	.....	"	20 for each additional 100 kms.

For priority trunk calls the charges are doubled or trebled.

Foreign Exchange.

16. Black market prices on the foreign exchange are as follows:-

Mark	.....	Drohs.	308.
Leva	.....	"	50 (subsequently fell to 40).
Gold Pound	.....	"	208,000 (subsequently fell to 125,000)
In the HEBRUS district:-			
Mark	Drohs.	250
Leva	"	30 (subsequently fell to 25-26)
Gold Pound	"	1000000 - 1200000.

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