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1. The village of Velushina, 180 families, and the village of Ostrec, 90 families, made up the community of Velushina. The following were officials in the community:

   a. Atanas Temeljkovski, chairman of the Community Council;

   b. Toma Karanfilovski, secretary of the Community Council;

   c. Risto Petrovski, accountant of the Community Council;

   d. Trendo Voinovski, political secretary of the 30-member Communist Party cell in Velushina; and

   e. Sergeant "Kole", in command of the 15-man militia unit in Velushina.

2. A collective was established in Velushina in 1948, but the peasants were not forced to join it until the spring of 1949. In September 1951 the collective had 10 work brigades, about 1,500 sheep and cattle, one threshing machine, and one old 3-ton Ford truck. All members of the collective received 250 kilograms of wheat each year. In addition, the members received quantities of milk, cheese, and fruit, depending on the number of days that they had worked. In 1950 members were paid 56 dinars for each working day.

3. In September 1951 the collective had the following products in the warehouse:

   a. 110,000 kilograms of wheat;

   b. 95,000 kilograms of oats;

   c. 36,000 kilograms of barley;

   d. 22,000 kilograms of rye; and

   e. 18,000 kilograms of forage grain.

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4. In addition to the above quantities, the collective had 520 acres of corn which had not yet been harvested, and about 800,000 plants of tobacco. By the end of September the Government had taken away from the collective only 8,000 kilograms of barley. The supply of grain was not sufficient to cover the grain ration of the population of Velushina, and the collective would have to purchase grain with money obtained from the sale of tobacco.

5. The chairman of the collective was Marko Kotevski, the accountant was Pande Gruiovski, the treasurer was Petre Micevski and the warehouse supervisor was Cvetko Razmovski.

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