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On the 2nd of June, to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Christo Boteff, the Bulgarian national hero, 3,500 Bulgarian students from the universities of the towns of Sofia, Skopje, Varna and Svistov united in the historical town of Vratza.

General Panoff, the commander of the 6th Bulgarian Division in Vratza, and the "Gauleiter" of Vratza Vasil Pavloff arrived to assist the anniversary rituals, but as soon as they arrived to the grave of the National Hero, Christo Boteff, all the students began to sing revolutionary songs and the police was forced to intervene. Bloody fights took place between the students and the police, and the latter after having received military reinforcements were able to arrest 300 students.

General Panoff was heavily wounded by a stone he received on his head, and "Gauleiter" Pavloff was also wounded on his back whilst trying to escape. They were both transported to the hospital in Vratza.

On the same evening, the Chief of Police of Vratza issued an order, compelling all these students to leave the town within twelve hours.

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