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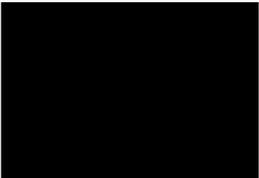
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Along Kupa River North of Karlovac**

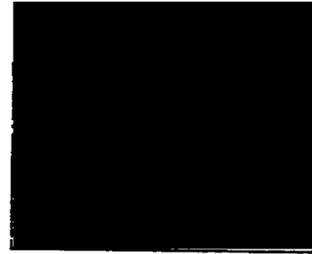
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- Karlovac - - The city of Karlovac is self supporting. All industries are small and the workers are mostly independent or small groups of craftsmen. It appeared to me there were more jewellers than usual in such towns. The government buildings are placed in the center of town and, until recently were surrounded by lagoons. These lagoons were being filled in to create public parks. Practically all of the buildings in Karlovac are built of brick or stone and all have tile roofs. Forty percent of the homes are heated by coal and 60% by wood.
- There is no public transportation. Government workers are moved in small trucks. There are only three private automobiles, of 1935 vintage. The government has two 1951 four-door Chevrolets for official use. Taxis have been taxed out of existence. There is one fire truck which is in fair condition, powered by a gasoline engine.
- There is no traffic on the Kupa River outside of small personal boats. There is no storm drainage provided in Karlovac and during heavy rains water backs up on the streets. There is a small airfield used for emergency purposes up to 1945, located at Grid Coordinates 420 - 364, Sheet 43-IV AMS Series M702.
- Croatians are settled in the area around the old moat and Montenegrins and Serbians are mixed with the Croatians throughout the rest of the city. All foreign elements were dispersed during World War II.
- Area Between Briog and Ozalj - /See Sheet 28 III AMS Series M702 available at CIA Map Library/ The only industry in this area is concentrated at the lime kilns located at 532 - 355 and the electric power houses at 374 - 514 and 374 - 516. The lime kiln employs about 200 people and has six towers for burning the stone to make lime. The kilns burn continuously. The stone quarries are nearby and have only about five or six air hammers. One power house was built in 1911 and the second was built in 1915. These power houses supply electricity to Karlovac and all the towns along the Kupa River up to Rubnjarci. A brick factory employing about 100 people is located at 390 - 519.

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6. Most of the people in this area are Croatian and are engaged in farming. The farms average three acres in size and the usual crop contains potatoes, wheat, rye, cabbage and corn. There are many grapes grown throughout this area as well as berries and what are called German prunes. There are Jersey and Holstein cows throughout the area and a few pigs, sheep and goats. About half of the families in each village have an ox. There are no horses in the area. The homes are all built of wood, 50% being covered with tile and 50% being covered with straw. The only telephones are in the government buildings, like the Post Office, power houses and lime kilns. There is no planned sewerage, all refuse being burned or thrown on manure piles. Water is obtained from the many springs throughout the area.

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7. There are only four radios in this whole area. While [REDACTED] in July, 1952, two of the owners [REDACTED] were going to sell theirs because of the high tax. They all listened to the Voice of America when they could and they like the programs. They only discuss their feelings about Communism, Tito and the Voice of America with their close friends and neighbors, and then only under the most secretive circumstances. These people refused to work in the Cooperatives set up by the Government because they want to retain their independence. They are satisfied with their present standard of living and feel that little can be done to raise the standard. Most of them feel apathetic about planning their own or their children's future because they are quite certain that war is coming.

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8. One doctor from Karlovac comes to Ozalj every other day to take care of the families of the Government workers. The villagers would go to Karlovac for treatment of only the most serious ailment because of the paucity of beds in the hospital. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had typhoid fever from swimming in the river but this was the only illness [REDACTED] The people are quite hardy.

9. The roads and railroad track shown on Sheet 28-III AMS Series M702 [Available at the CIA Map Library] are accurate except for the fact that the lime kilns referred to in paragraph (4) above were built directly on the site of the road. There is no provision for a by-pass so this good road is almost useless. The villagers have built a wooden bridge 200 feet long across the Kupa River at Grid Coordinates 330 - 551. This bridge is strong enough to support a truck and is about 10 feet wide.

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