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Electrification of the Sofia-Mezdra Railway Line

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- For some time now work has been completed on the installation of the pilons which are to support the high power lines on the Sofia-Mezdra railway line. According to reports heard by informant, the electrification of this line cannot be completed prior to 1956 since the 1951-1955 Five Year Plan does not provide for the completion of work of this type either on this or on other Bulgarian railway lines. This is allegedly due to the shortage of electric power brought about by the failure to construct "planned" power stations.

The City Trade Building of Stalin

- The "Gradsko Turgovishte" (City Trading Place) is located on Musavata Square and is directed by Ivanko Dranov, former businessman. This organization employs 200 persons (office workers, salesmen, porters, etc). The organization is aimed at supplying its existing stores in the city, for sale to the public, with foodstuffs, groceries, dinnerware, etc. which come from the main stores from a store called "Bakalski stoki" (Groceries).
- On articles and items placed on sale, the organization has the right to make a net gain of a percentage which goes from five on sugar, vegetables, groceries, etc., up to a maximum of 12 per cent on glassware, tableware and other household articles.
- The annual gain of the "Gradsko Turgovishte" varies between 300 and 400 thousand leva. This sum is subdivided as follows:
 - Thirty per cent of the total is destined at increasing its capital; and
 - Seventy per cent is absorbed by the state in the form of taxes and dues.

- Comment: Probably the 1953-1957 Five Year Plan.

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