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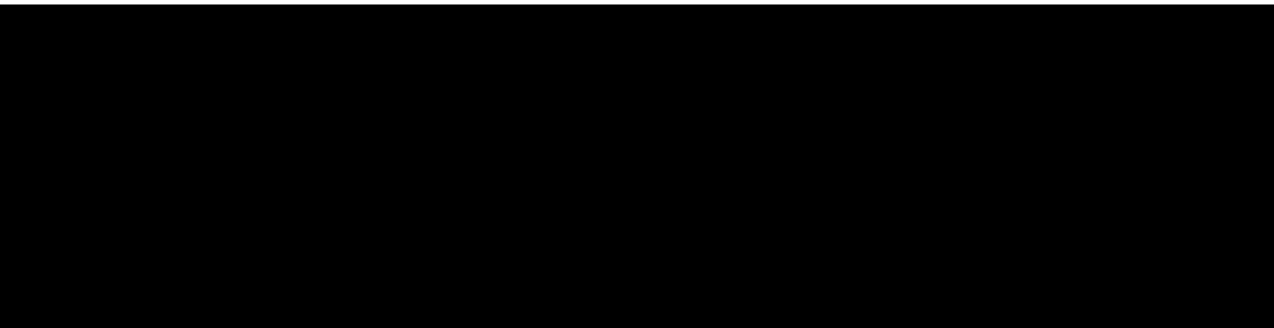
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1. The community of Bac, which was formed in 1950, is comprised of the following villages: Germija with 80 families, Bac with 250 families, Brod with 250 families, Zivojna with 200 families, Sovic with 120 families, and Dobroven with 150 families. The population of the community is Orthodox except for about 28 Moslem families in Germija.
2. Stevo Solakov is the Political Commissar of the 30-member Communist Party cell in Germija.
3. The collective in Germija was established in the fall of 1948 and membership in it was compulsory. In 1948 the collective had about 6,000 sheep, but at the end of August 1951 it had only 1,600 sheep and 100 cattle. The collective has a threshing machine and a 15 horsepower Ford tractor. Stables were constructed in 1950.
4. In July 1951 almost all the members of the collective asked to withdraw, but their requests were refused by Boris Gicev, the chairman of the collective. The members were told that there was no possibility of withdrawing from the collective and those who attempted to leave would be arrested and persecuted.
5. Germija is about 1,000 meters from the Greek border, and about 100 meters south of Germija there is a KNOJ Border Guard blockhouse with a unit of 20 men.
6. In early August 1951 the lignite coal mine in Zivonja was closed. The miners were sent to various Macedonian coal mines, and the forced laborers were sent to Bitolj. The traffic on the small gauge railroad has also stopped.

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