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MORALE AND GENERAL MOOD (2000)

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A STATE MONOPOLY.

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It is a well-known fact that this HOREMAG State Business Enterprise runs all the hotels, restaurants and stores in Bulgaria and, like so many other State enterprises, seems to be principally an instrument for exploiting the people.

The name HOREMAG is a composite word made up of HO - Hotel; RE - Restaurant; MAG - Magasini, but the Bulgarian people interpret the word as follows:

H - horata

O - ograbihte

R - razbojnitzi

E - egoisti

M - moshenitzi

A - apashi

G - gangsteri

(Freely translated as follows: "Criminals, egoists, fakers, thieves, gangsters -- you have plundered the people!")

End.