

Mr. Boyko Borisov
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Lisbon, 13th July 2017

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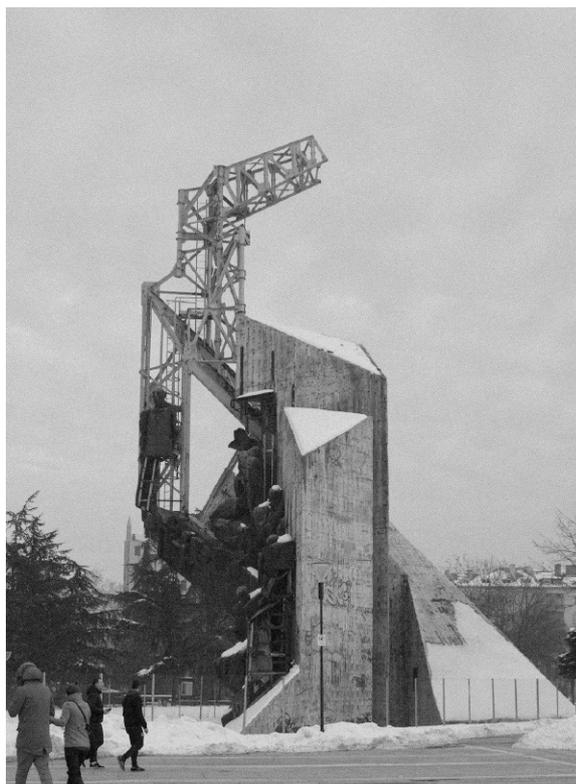
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