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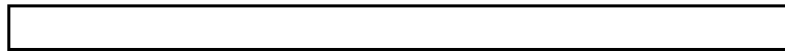
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1. Soviet authorities in Rumania are setting great hopes on the new oil-producing regions of Moldavia and Oltenia (Little Wallachia). In addition to work in Moinești (Moldavia), where oil has been produced for many years, there has been continual drilling for oil in Moldovița (eighty kilometers from Piatra-Neamț). There is reason to believe that there are important deposits here.
2. While this oil prospecting has given excellent results, large scale exploitation is not yet practical. Work is held up by delay in the arrival of the necessary equipment.
3. Another oil region, now flourishing, is Gorj (Oltenia). Numerous drills have been set up at Albeni, Balteni, Peșteana-Jiu (twenty kilometers from Târgu-Jiu, on the Târgu-Jiu--Craiova line).
4. There has also been active exploitation at Sacel, a small bathing resort, thirty-two kilometers from Târgu-Jiu, in the direction of Râmnicul-Vâlcea. This district seems to have a very promising future. The Soviet authorities are in absolute control and are pushing exploitation intensively.
5. A big depot for oil drilling equipment has been set up near the railroad station at Târgu-Jiu. To get it there quickly, all equipment is transported by motor truck. The crude oil from the wells is shipped by tank trucks. The Rumanian Government is also arranging for construction of a big refinery at Târgu-Jiu. The work has been entrusted to Sovromconstructzia of Ploesti, which specializes in construction of this sort. This new refinery will be located in the First of May Street (formerly Strada General Dragalina), at Târgu-Jiu. It will occupy forty hectares.



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6. Eager for the greatest possible results, the Rumanian Government is trying to get oil in certain other regions, at a depth of 3,000 meters. The plan is to use a series of four pumps. Thus far no more than two pumps are being used, at a depth not reported. Many militia and security agents are employed in protecting this machinery, which, in Rumania, is very valuable and very rare. Sabotage is feared. In the active oil installations there is strict police surveillance, to anticipate any possible danger.
7. Part of this equipment comes from Czechoslovakia, and part from the Resita factory in Rumania.
8. In several of the oil regions around Ploesti, military precautions have been added to those of the police, the security, and the militia. AA posts are very thick. At Campina, there is an AA regiment, made up of specially trusted men. This occupies the barracks of the former regiment of mountain troops. The force is so large that these do not suffice and additional barracks have been built.
9. At Ploesti a new building is now ready for security forces. This is at the corner of Vasile Lupu Street and Logofatul Taut. The building has three stories above ground and two stories below ground. The latter have concrete cells, for use as the local security prison. In the underground section there is also a crematorium, of the most modern design.

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