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ROMANIAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVES

ACTIVITIES OF SOVROMTRANSPORT -- Libertatea, No 1336, 27 Jan 49

Sovromtransport enjoys a monopoly in maritime transportation. In addition to the fleet of vessels, Sovromtransport owns and directs shipyards, storage facilities, and cargo handling.

Last year, the Constanta shipyard repaired the Plehanov, which will become one of the vessels of the Sovromtransport fleet. This fleet also includes the freighters Berezina, Friederich Engels, Ardealul, and Dimitrov as well as the passenger-cargo motorship Transilvania. This luxury liner, built in 1939 at Copenhagen, has resumed scheduled sailings after a lapse of 2 months.

During 1948, the Sovromtransport shipyards built three 1,200-ton tugs, two 1,000-ton oil tankers, three 2,000-ton oil tankers, and 20 powered fishing vessels; Four trawlers were repaired and the Decebal, sunk near Turzul Severin, was refloated.

The ports section of Sovromtransport has handled 470,000 tons of freight and built storage tanks and pumping stations for handling petroleum. To expedite freight handling, high-lift platform trucks capable of lifting a load of 7 tons to a height of 7 meters, and cranes, were imported from Russia. Two of the cranes will be put into operation in 1949.

Sovromtransport has concluded contracts with countries adjacent to Rumania to deliver grain, wood, and petroleum products to them.

FIRST 1949 LOCOMOTIVE PUT IN OPERATION -- Libertatea, No 1350, 12 Feb 49

The first locomotive of the type which will be built at Resita has just been put into operation. Many more locomotives will be built in the course of the year 1949. [Photograph accompanying the article shows a locomotive resembling an American locomotive of about 1900. The photograph is not clear enough to give all the details of the wheel arrangement but there are no pilot wheels. There are 10 drivers and two or four trailing-truck wheels.]

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QUOTA FOR LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SURPASSED -- Scanteia, No 1351, 15 Feb 49

At the "Grivita-Locomotive" Shops of the Rumanian State Railway, 46 locomotives were repaired in January instead of the 40 which were the quota for that month. Using a Universal lathe, Machinist Mihai Lebedeanu made 1,047 locomotive pistons, 10 percent more than his quota of 975.

TARS COMPANY PROVIDES AIR SERVICE -- Universal, No 40, 18 Feb 49

Aircraft of TARS (Soviet-Rumanian Air Transport) operate on strict schedules, whether for flights within the confines of Rumania or to foreign destinations. There are regular flights between Bucharest and Sibiu, Oradea Mare, Timisoara, Arad, Cluj, Satu Mare, Galati, Cacao, and Iasi. Flights to foreign ports are from Bucharest to Prague, Varsovia, Moscow, and Sofia.

TARS also handles packages, freight, and mail in addition to passengers. For round trip flights, fares cost 20 percent less; large, regular shipments of freight receive substantial discounts. Freight shipments to foreign and domestic destinations are carried in special cargo planes which have a capacity of 2,500 kilograms.

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