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CONSTRUCTION- AND ROAD-MACHINE BUILDING MINISTRY  
 COMPLETES 1948 PLAN; DRAWS UP SPECIAL LAST-QUARTER QUOTA

The Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building fulfilled its 1948 plan 101.6 percent on 1 November 1948. Compared with the first 10 months of 1947, production was up 64 percent. Output of excavators had increased 2.7 times, cranes 2.6 times, scrapers 3.3 times, bulldozers 2.8 times, graders 1.5 times, power rollers 1.5 times, crushing and pulverizing equipment 15 percent, and mechanized tools 55 percent.

Plan fulfillment by various plants took place in the following order:

September -- Kiev Plant, Chelyabinsk Plant imeni Kolyushchenko

October (first half) -- Kovrov, Dmitrov, Leningrad, Kalinin plants; Kusa, Priluki, Dnepropetrovsk and Rostokinskiy Construction-Machinery plants; Moscow Stroymekhmontazh Trust, Chelyabinsk Plant under Main Administration of Construction Machinery, Moscow Plant imeni Kalinin; Khar'kov, Leningrad and Vyborg plants of Main Administration of Construction Tools; Khar'kov Plant under Yuzhetroymekhanizatsiya Trust; and Experimental Plant of All-Union Scientific Research Institute under Stroydormash.

25 October -- Main Administration of Construction Tools (the first main administration to announce completion).

In view of the early plan fulfillment by the enterprises of the Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building, the Government has worked out a last-quarter schedule for production of excavators, cranes, scrapers and bulldozers for heavy industry. The production level of this final quarter, particularly in respect to excavators, will be 3.4 times the level of the corresponding quarter of 1947.

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In 10 months of 1948, the Ministry put 68 new types of machinery into production. This included an excavator built on an automobile chassis having a 0.25-cubic-meter bucket, a peat excavator, an excavator for reclamation work, a ditch digger for ditches 2.5 meters deep, a 5-ton automobile crane, a 10-ton tractor-trailer crane, a tractor crane for logging, a 4-ton single-bucket loader, a 3-cubic-meter mortar pump, a 240-meter chain conveyor, and many other types of mechanized equipment.

Labor productivity in 1948 was 19 percent higher than planned, and 39 percent higher than in 1947. The planned level of labor productivity for 1950 was exceeded.

The 20-percent planned reduction in cost of production was surpassed by 5 percent.

Individual Stakhanovite achievements were cited at the following plants: the Gnessa Plant imeni Yanvar'skogo voystva, the "Rabochiy Metallist" Plant, the Sverdlovsk "Strumashina" Plant, the "Dormashina" Plant, and the Moscow Plant imeni Kalinin.

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