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FISH CATCH TOPS QUOTA,
TRANS-CARPATIA GROWS COTTON

PRIMORSKIY FISHERIES EXCEEDED PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 110, 12 May 49

The Zarubino Fish Combine, Primorskiy Kray, completed 48 percent of the May fishing plan in 7 days. Fishermen of the Reyneke Combine, who are exceeding the daily norm 150 percent, completed 51 percent of the May plan by 8 May. In 8 days, the Preobrazhenskiy Combine completed 47 percent of the month plan. Fishermen of the Pos'yot Combine have fulfilled 50 percent of the May plan. The trawler commanded by Kislovskiy of the Putyatn Combine has taken first place in the competition in the Primorskiy trawler fleet by catching 2,016 centners since the beginning of the season.

The Plastun Combine had completed 44 percent of the month plan by 7 May. The Olga Motorized Fishing Station completed 53 percent of the month plan in 6 days. The main part of its catch is herring caught in the Sakhalin expedition. The Shkotoro Motorized Fishing Station caught 1,025 centners of fish in 2 days. Fishermen of the Terney Motorized Fishing Station, fishing for herring in Sakhalin waters, have already completed 75 percent of the May plan.

PLEDGE LARGE MACKEREL CATCH -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 108, 10 May 49

In recent years, mackerel fishing has become the most important project of Primorskiy Kray fisheries, particularly in Petr Velikiy Gulf. The fishing fleet is considerably better equipped this year for mackerel fishing. Leading fishermen have each pledged to catch 8,000 - 10,000 centners of mackerel, compared with the top catch of 5,000 centners last year.

Many fish combines, however, have been lagging in preparing receiving points and in mechanizing shore installations for the new season. The Tafuinskiy and Preobrazhenskiy combines have not completed adequate preparation of their receiving bases in Penzovaya and Kreyserk. The Ussuriy Combine is lagging in its preparations.

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VOLGA-CASPIAN FISH INDUSTRY COMPLETES 6-MONTH PLAN -- Leninskoye Znanya, No 101, 24 May 49

The Volga-Caspian Fish Industry Trust has fulfilled the 6-month plan. The fish catch was 30,000 centners more than the amount caught during the same period last year.

SAMGORI IRRIGATION PROJECT PROGRESSES -- Zarya Vostoka, No 94, 15 May 49

The Samgori construction project, one of the greatest irrigation projects in the USSR, is to provide water for the semiarid lands around Tbilisi. Eight kilometers of the upper main canal have already been constructed and $\frac{1}{2}$ kilometer of cement has been laid.

The project provides for the construction of upper and lower main canals, two reservoirs, and three hydroelectric power plants on the upper main canal. The plan for the first stage of construction work, including the upper main canal and the Tbilisi reservoir, has already been confirmed. By 1952, the first water will flow through the irrigation canals, irrigating 12,000 hectares of land. The whole project, when completed, will irrigate 37,000 hectares.

New construction work in Lilo Rayon has just begun.

TEST COTTON GROWN IN TRANSCARPATIA -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 130, 4 Jun 49

Students of Uzhgorod State University have started a section for cotton cultivation in their botanical garden. This is the first cultivation of cotton in the Transcarpathian region. Experimental cotton sections have also been planted in a number of kolkhozes in the Uzhgorod district. Part of these sections were sown with seeds and part with small plants. The type of cotton chosen for these experiments is Odessa No 1306, the most suitable for the Transcarpathian climate.

MOLDAVIAN CANNING INDUSTRY REBUILDS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 96, 15 May 49

Moldavia's largest industry, the canning industry, is preparing for the 1949 season. The reconstruction of the Plant imeni 1 Maya, the Plant imeni Trachenko, the Tiraspol Fruit Combine, and the plant in Bendery provides a firm foundation for the industry's successful operation. Reconstruction of the Pottery Plant imeni Mikoyan and the construction of a new plant in Kalarash will further brighten the prospects. However, preparations for the new canning season are still unsatisfactory, particularly at the Plant imeni 1 Maya. In order to fulfill their pledge to attain the 1950 level of production this year, Moldavian canners must increase production 32 - 35 percent over 1948.

KIEV MEAT AND DAIRY INDUSTRY EXPANDS -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 130, 4 Jun 49

Enterprises of the meat and dairy industry of Kiev City and Oblast are preparing to increase output of goods made from animal husbandry products. Old enterprises will be expanded and new ones built in Kiev and in a number of rayons throughout the oblast. The Kiev Refrigeration Combine is successfully meeting its pledges to expand production and utilize storage area to capacity. The combine has exceeded the prewar output level and has added an artificial ice plant and a compressor shop.

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The Darnitskiy Butter Combine, largest in the Ukraine, has been considerably expanded. Dairies of the Oblast Butter Industry Trust expect to produce 6,000 more tons this year than last. The number of butter and meat enterprises is being increased in the rayons. The creameries are being built in Belotserkovskiy, Kaganovichskiy, and Pereyaslav-Khmel'nitskiy rayons. A fowl combine has been put into operation in Smelyanskiy Rayon, and a second fowl combine is under construction in Zvenigorodskiy Rayon.

PRIMORSKIY SOWING PLAN LAGS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 110, 12 May 49

The Bureau of the Primorskiy Kray Committee VKP(b) has found that the progress of vegetable sowing and potato planting is extremely unsatisfactory in the majority of kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and auxiliary holdings in the Kray. As of 10 May, the plan for sowing vegetables was only 11 percent completed and only 13 percent for potato planting.

This unsatisfactory condition is the result of failure to fulfill the decree of the Sixth Plenum of the Kray Party Committee on the part of the Kray Agricultural Administration, "Zernoshivtrest" (Grain and Animal Husbandry Trust), directors of sovkhoses and auxiliary farms, rayon Party committees and rayon executive committees. The errors of last year, when the Kray had a poor harvest of vegetables and potatoes, are being repeated this year.

ELEVATORS PREPARED FOR STORING KIRGIZ GRAIN -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 100, 24 May 49

The Kyzyl-Kiya center of "Vostokzagotzerno" (Eastern Grain Procurement) is getting ready to receive the new grain crop. A new elevator, built in one month, was recently put into operation. The old granaries have been put in working order, and winnowing machines, scales and laboratory equipment have been repaired.

Construction of a new grain elevator has begun at the Karasu center.

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