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PETROLEUM TRUSTS IMPROVE OUTPUT

**MOST AZERBAIJAZHAN TRUSTS COMPLETE PLAN** -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 127, 1 Jul 49

The majority of Azerbaydzhian petroleum extracting trusts have successfully completed the 6-month plan. The "Stalinnest" and "Buzovnyest" Trusts extracted thousands of tons above plan. Petroleum workers of Artem Island, Siazani, Kufuchala, Xergez, and Kazan-Bulg completed the plan ahead of schedule. Kirovskiy Bayon petroleum fields completed the 6-month plan on 29 June and the "Azisbekovest" Trust fulfilled its plan yesterday.

The results for the first 6 months would have been much better if the lagging petroleum fields of Kaganovichakiy Bayon, and especially the "Ordzhonikidzenest" and "Molotovest" Trusts, had met their tasks. The absence of complete planning of operation, on the basis of a daily time schedule, the low technological level of petroleum well exploitation, and poor labor organization are the basic causes for this unsatisfactory work.

The exploitation of each petroleum well according to an optimum system of operations and a minimum amount of above-ground repair are the first conditions for increasing petroleum extraction. The utilization of all reserves is the second condition. The putting into operation of inactive wells, secondary exploitation methods, and the conversion of wells from compressed air to deep-pump exploitation are means of obtaining this goal.

**BASHKIR FIELDS REACH 1950 PRODUCTION RATE** -- Izvestiya, No 158, 7 Jul 49

The "Bashnest" (Bashkir Petroleum) Association in the second quarter of 1949 attained the average daily rate of petroleum extraction planned for 1950.

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The second petroleum field of "Tuymanneft" Trust has made the progress. This field occupies first place in the All-Union Petroleum competition and holds the transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR.

Bashkir petroleum workers are now striving to complete, during 1949, the Five-Year Plan in respect to volume of production.

"KERGEZNEFT" TRUST INCREASES PRODUCING WELLS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 158,  
16 Jul 49

The "Kergezneft" Trust has completed its 7-month petroleum-extraction plan. This has been achieved by improving the technology of controlling producing wells and by increasing the number of producing wells. There are now 25 more producing wells in operation than at the beginning of the year.

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