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AUTO PLANTS REPORT TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS, HIGH PROFITS

AUTOMOBILES CONVERT TO COMPRESSED GAS -- Izvestiya, No 192, 16 Aug 49

In the Ukraine an ever greater number of automobiles are being converted to industrial and natural gas. A considerable number of the automobiles in Makayevka, Gorlovka, and Stalino operate on compressed gas from the coke-chemical plants. In Drogobych and Stanislav oblasts natural gas is being used.

In the Azov and Dnepropetrovsk regions many tractors and stationary installations have been converted to compressed gas.

After the opening of the Dashava-Kiev gas main, the changeover to gas automobiles was begun. The "Avtogazapparat" Plant in Kiev has begun mass production of improved gas equipment for automobiles.

ARMENIAN PLANT STARTS NEW ASSEMBLY LINES -- Kommunist, No 196, 20 Aug 49

According to plan, the "Avtodetal" Plant was to master assembly-line production of primary shafts for ZIS-5 automobiles in the second half of 1949. This production goal was reached in May. At present, the output of these parts has reached the 1950 level. An assembly line for production of axle shafts was also organized during the first half year.

The plant is now organizing a third assembly line for the production of countershafts. This line will start operating on 25 August.

URAL PLANT UPS AUTO OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 163, 20 Aug 49

The Ural Automobile Plant imeni Stalin in Miass, Chelyabinsk Oblast, has decided to produce a large number of automobiles above plan by using saved material, and to release 10 million rubles of working capital, during the current year. To fulfill this pledge the plant will have to shorten its production cycle. The plant is making extensive use of the method of hardening parts by high-frequency currents. Over 300 machine tools have been converted to high-speed cutting methods. Labor productivity at the plant increased 20 percent since the beginning of the year.

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The plant has accelerated the turnover of working capital by 5 days and released over 8 million rubles.

WORK IMPROVING IN ODESSA AUTO PLANT -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 199, 24 Aug 49

Great changes have occurred in recent months in the truck-bed shop of the Odessa Automobile Assembly Plant. Formerly a lagging organization, it now does not have a single worker who is below his norm. This was accomplished through the initiative of the Party and the shop managers, who assigned skilled workers or engineers to instruct lagging individuals.

GOR'KIY PLANT SHOWS PROFIT -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 168, 24 Aug 49

In the first half of 1949, the Gor'kiy Plant imeni Molotov made a profit of 237 million rubles, including 45 million above plan. Capital turnover was accelerated 21 days, and as a result, more than 200 million rubles were released.

MOSCOW AUTO PLANT MAKES PLEDGE -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 193, 17 Aug 49

The Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin celebrates its 25th anniversary on 7 November. In honor of this anniversary, the plant has pledged to attain the average monthly rate of production planned for 1950, to make a great number of trucks above plan, and to save 20 million rubles above plan by 7 November 1949. In addition, the auto plant workers have pledged to begin the production of the ZIS-155 bus, to develop experimental models of the ZIS-111 light automobile, and to produce ZIS-150 and ZIS-151 trucks with all-metal cab.

More than 5,000 plant workers have already fulfilled their personal Five-Year Plan quotas.

CHITA MOTOR REPAIR PLANT EXCEEDS PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 134, 10 Jul 49

The Tarbagatay Motor Repair Plant, Chita Oblast, considerably exceeded the 6-month plan and realized nearly 150,000 rubles returns. The plant received an all-Union prize for its performance in the first quarter.

KARAGANDA STORE SELLS 8-10 AUTOMOBILES PER DAY -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 170, 31 Aug 49

The "Avtomotovelotorga" Store opened in Karaganda at the beginning of August. A large number of Moskvich and Pobeda automobiles were received for retail selling.

The store is selling 8-10 automobiles per day.

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