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ALBANIAN FUEL AND POWER PROGRESS LISTED

TO PRODUCE 306,000 TONS OF CRUDE OIL IN 1950 -- Berlin Die Wirtschaft, 15 Sep 50

The Kucove petroleum field and the Patos field were made ready for petroleum production in 1946 and 1947 respectively, after having been destroyed during the last war. The 1947 production plan was fulfilled by only 90 percent and the 1948 plan by only 84 percent because of Titoist sabotage.

The Albanian government invested 60 million lek for opening more petroleum fields in the middle of 1948. The money was spent chiefly for drilling equipment imported from the People's Democracies and the USSR.

The government allocated 11 million lek for drilling wells, prospecting for new oil fields, and safeguarding oil reserves. It invested 58 million lek for increasing production of the existing petroleum fields. Pipe lines, 42 kilometers long, were laid between fields and petroleum depots.

A new refinery in Uj i Ftofte was near completion in the middle of 1950. The government spent 7,900,000 lek for electric power needed by the petroleum industry and for improvements in the refinery.

Construction of a heating plant and petroleum cracking plant, with a capacity of 150,000 tons per year, is scheduled for 1951 - 1952. The USSR will supply the equipment.

Albanian crude oil production was 120,000 tons in 1938, 92,000 in 1946, 160,000 in 1947, 191,000 in 1948, 237,000 in 1949, and 306,000 tons is planned for 1950.

The asphalt installations at Kucove, destroyed during the war, were reconstructed and 9,600,000 Albanian francs were invested for securing new reserves during the Two-Year Plan. New mine galleries, 13,000 meters long, are being laid, and 3,100,000 lek is being invested in housing and recreation for petroleum and asphalt workers.

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Asphalt production in Albania was 20,000 tons in 1938, 18,000 in 1946, 21,000 in 1947, 28,000 in 1948, 29,000 in 1949, and 35,000 tons is planned for 1950.

POWER AND FUEL SITUATION OUTLINED -- Moscow Elektrichestvo, Apr 50

The plan for petroleum and coal production in Albania in 1948 was not fulfilled because of sabotage by Yugoslav specialists working in Albania as well as by Yugoslav supply agencies. Nevertheless, petroleum production in 1948 was 109.7 percent as compared with 1938 and 119.7 percent as compared with 1947. Coal production was 573.9 percent and 200.9 percent respectively.

On 2 June 1949, the People's Kuvend established a Two-Year Plan for development of the economy, according to which by the end of 1950 petroleum production is scheduled to be 159 percent and coal production 255 percent as compared to the 1948 production.

There were 13 power plants in Albania, which produced 3 million kilowatt-hours per year in 1938.

Albanian power plants produced 9,200,000 kilowatt-hours per year between 1946 and 1947.

Between 1947 and 1948, 67,320,000 lek were spent for the new "Selite" Power Plant, which is still under construction. The power plants at Biliste and Erseke were completed at the beginning of 1950.

ALBANIA TO HAVE OWN REFINERY -- Berlin Chemische Industrie, No 4, Apr 50

According to newspaper reports, Albania is to have a petroleum refinery. The project is expected to be completed before the end of 1950.

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