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RUBBER FACTORY AGAIN BEHIND PLAN;  
DRUG INDUSTRY FLOURISHING

FAILS TO MEET QUOTAS, QUALITY POOR -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 30 Aug 50

As in 1949, the Gomisterija (Rubber Factory) in Durres failed to meet its plan at any time during the first half of 1950. The quality of its products has been bad also. The workers' collective and the management have both been reprimanded, but no improvement has been noted.

The director of the factory claims erroneously that the plan failed for reasons beyond his control, especially shortages.

Actually, the workers were not encouraged to make individual and collective pledges for fulfilling the plan. Socialist competition was not properly organized, and the director refused to have anything to do with it. Also, workers would be moved from one job to another frequently. During a 15-day period, one worker was given five helpers to train, which caused a considerable drop in his own production.

On 14 August 1950, 60 pairs of shoes were returned to the factory for repair, because proper care had not been taken to assure quality.

The products of the factory include rubber boots for miners and sandals for peasants.

PRODUCES 21 NEW DRUGS -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 21 Jul 50

Tirana (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- During the first half of 1950, the State Pharmaceutical Laboratory produced 71 kinds of drugs, as provided by the plan. Twenty-one of these drugs were new. During this period, the laboratory produced enough drugs to take place of about 10 percent of the drugs which would otherwise have been imported.

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Among the drugs produced by this laboratory are such urgently needed products as calcium glyconate, sodium salicylate for the treatment of rheumatism, etc. The laboratory produced enough of these items to meet the needs of all medical institutions in Albania.

The Pharmaceutical Laboratory has begun to produce drugs from medicinal plants grown in Albania. During the first half of 1950 it produced seven kinds of drugs from these plants.

MORE MEDICINAL PLANTS PURCHASED -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 30 Aug 50

This year's crop purchase of medicinal plants was much better than last year's, and the crop-purchase plan for many plants was met 100 percent. This will permit the government to fulfill the obligations it contracted for the export of medicinal plants, and will also meet the requirements of the Albanian pharmaceutical industry.

The quality of the plants appears to be better than last year.

ALBANIA PRODUCES OWN MATCHES -- Berlin, Chemische Industrie, No 4, Apr 50

A match factory established in Tirana at the beginning of 1950 is said to have a daily output of 20,000 boxes. The chemical raw materials are furnished by the USSR.

The opening of the factory marks Albania's attempt to produce matches.

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