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SHOE FACTORY IMPROVISES NEEDED EQUIPMENT;  
 EXPAND CROP-PROCESSING FACILITIES

MAKES OWN PRECISION TOOLS -- Tirana, Puna, 22 Aug 50

A shortage of high-precision spare parts has been in evidence in the shoe factory in Tirana since the beginning of August 1950. These tools were not made in Albania heretofore. Because of the shortage, a large proportion of the machinery in the factory was beginning to drop out of service. As a result, the plan was not being fulfilled and quality was falling.

The management reported this critical situation and requested the necessary parts from the Ministry of Industry, but the order has not been filled thus far.

In March 1950, a technician at the factory, Piro Nushi, installed a new unit of 23 Soviet "Kalenina" machines, replacing an old unit of ten machines, to raise production in the factory. He made a new and improved transmission which developed more revolutions per minute. Then, after many experiments, and using the limited facilities available at the factory, he made a new chrome-steel spindle [lathe?] of the same precision as the original.

Nushi also overhauled, for the first time, a machine for sewing soles which was out of service because many of its parts were worn out and could not be replaced in the absence of a spindle. He also made another spindle and a great many other new tools.

NEW FACTORY TO PROCESS COTTON -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 6 Sep 50

Fier (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- A factory for ginning and processing cotton is now under construction in the vicinity of Fier. This factory will handle cotton from the Lushnje, Valona, and other districts for the Stalin Combine which is now under construction in Tirana.

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The factory will be built on a site 10,500 square meters in area. The grounds will contain an industrial area and workers' housing. According to the plan, two factory warehouses, a power plant, and the main factory building will be under construction this year. The rest of the project will be finished in 1951.

At present the foundations of the two warehouses and the power plant for the factory have been laid, The walls of the factory proper have been started, and building materials for further construction have been procured.

TO BUILD RICE-HULLING FACTORY -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 5 Sep 50

Valona (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- Work began a few days ago on the construction of a rice-hulling factory which is being built with Soviet aid in the city of Valona.

The factory will occupy an area of 20,000 square meters, and will process about 300 quintals of rice daily. Thus, it will be able to handle all the rice grown in Albania.

Part of the construction will be completed this year, the remainder in 1951.

A sum of 26 million lek has been allocated for the project. The "Perlat Rexhepi" State Building Enterprise has accepted the contract.

RESUME SUGAR PRODUCTION -- Tirana, Puna, 19 Sep 50

Korce (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- The "Ali Kelmendi" Sugar Factory in the city of Korce resumed operation on 14 September. During the idle off season, repairs were made on the machinery.

This year 53 women are employed in the factory, as compared with only 30 last year.

The crop purchase of sugar beets is proceeding more regularly than last year, and quotas have been met since the first day. The motor pool is doing a good job of transporting sugar beets to the factory, in accordance with its contract.

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