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USSR CONCENTRATES INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION  
PLANNING IN ONE TOP ORGANIZATION

HISTORY OF "PROMSTROYPROYEKT" TRUST -- Moscow, Arkhitektura Promyshlennykh Sooruzheniy, 1949

The trust for construction planning of machine-building and metallurgical plants (Gosproyektstroy 1) was formed in 1930. It made architectural and construction plans for all important building projects at Magnitogorsk, Kuznetsk, Chelyabtraktorostroy (Construction of Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant), Krammashstroy (Construction of Kramatorsk Machine-Building Plant), Sharikopodshipnikstroy (Construction of Ball Bearings Plant), Luganstroy (Construction of Luganskoye Railroad-Car Building Plant), Kharkov Tractor Plant, and many others.

The planning section of "Tekstil'stroy" Trust was reorganized into "Gosproyektstroy 2" Trust, later called "Mashinostroyproyekt." This trust also was converted to planning heavy-industry plants. Both of these large trusts were subsequently combined under the name "Metallostroyproyekt." This later became known as "Promstroyproyekt." Almost all planning of machine-building and metallurgical enterprises of the USSR was concentrated in this planning organization.

"PROMSTROYPROYEKT" TRUST CUTS CONSTRUCTION COSTS -- Moscow, Stroitel'naya Promyshlennost', Dec 1950

One of the present functions of "Promstroyproyekt" Trust is to revise construction plans and estimates, in connection with the decree of the Council of Ministers USSR dated 1 July 1950, regarding reduction of construction costs by 25 percent, which includes the elimination of excess items in plans and estimates on an average of 15 percent. This revision is done in two stages. The first includes the listing of all construction projects and determining the steps to be taken to lower construction costs for each project, submitting the necessary proof for each proposed reduction. The second stage of the work begins only after the customers, i.e. the building organizations, have approved the official records. At this time, corrections are made in the plans and estimates.

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"Promstroyproyekt" Trust has revised plans and refigured general estimates for 18 large construction projects for the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises. In the process of revision, it was discovered that the plans included excessively large plant areas and communications systems, excessive areas and capacities of auxiliary structures, as well as the use of old-fashioned construction methods. It has been established that over 30 million rubles have been saved only by eliminating excess items in planning, which is 15.1 percent of the remaining uncompleted portion of construction work as of 1 July 1950.

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