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MORE DIESEL TRUCKS IN NEW SOVIET PLAN;
DEFECTIVE MOSKVICH CARS; ELECTRIC TRACTOR PRODUCTION

LACK DIESELS FOR HEAVY TRUCKS -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 26 Sep 52

The production of heavy-duty trucks is being held up by a shortage of diesel engines. With an adequate supply of diesel engines, the Minsk Automobile Plant could reach its planned capacity in 1953. USSR automobile plants should organize diesel engine production in the same general manner as the Yaroslavl' Automobile Plant.

The Minsk Automobile Plant could organize the output of diesel engines, since facilities for this type of production were provided for when the plant's foundry and other shops were built. The plant could increase its capacity 60 percent by increasing the degree of mechanization and improving technological methods.

Storage battery plants, industrial rubber products plants, and metal products plants should be built in the Belorussian SSR during the new Five-Year Plan. The number of abrasives and tool plants is altogether insufficient, causing a bottleneck in the machine-building industry. Thus, an expansion of the abrasives and tool industry is called for.

The present procedure for transferring idle equipment from one enterprise to another prevents full utilization of machine tools and equipment. The Minsk Automobile Plant has 250 idle machine tools which could be utilized at other enterprises, but under the present regulations, a transfer of this equipment requires the special authorization of the Council of Ministers USSR. The transfer of idle equipment from one enterprise to another should be placed in the hands of republic, and in some cases, oblast planning organizations to assure full utilization.

The Minsk Automobile Plant's heavy machinery shop has promised to fulfill its 11-month plan by 5 October 1952. -- V. D. Mayboroda, director, Minsk Automobile Plant

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Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 17 Sep 52

The Minsk Automobile Plant has completed its 10-month plan for building dump trucks ahead of schedule.

ZIS PLANT TO BUILD DIESEL TRUCKS -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 17 Sep 52

In 1952, the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin will increase its gross output considerably in comparison with 1950. The plant now fills all orders for new products which were not produced or were produced only in very small quantities prior to 1950. The plant has increased bus production four times and spare-parts production 22 percent over 1950 output. In 1952, the plant has exceeded its 8 month plans for gross production and labor productivity.

The new Five-Year Plan calls for accelerated output of heavy-duty trucks, especially diesel-engine trucks. The plant has already designed a diesel engine which can be used on 4-ton trucks very efficiently. -- K. V. Vlasov, director, Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 17 Sep 52

Smolin, chief designer of the Moscow Automobile Plant, considers it essential to provide for the production of medium-power diesel-engine vehicles in the new Five-Year Plan. Such vehicles use half as much fuel as other types. They also use a lower grade of fuel. -- V. I. Prokhorov, secretary, Moscow City Committee

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 15 Sep 52

The Moscow Automobile Plant promised to fulfill its 9-month plan by 25 September 1952 and to produce a large number of motor vehicles and at least 6,500 bicycles above the plan. Assembly shop No 6 has already completed the subassembly of more than 5,000 bicycles.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 30 Sep 52

Workers of the Moscow Automobile Plant have promised to reduce the amount of ferrous rolled stock necessary for the production of each ZIS-150 truck by 35 kilograms and for each ZIS-151 truck, by 50 kilograms. Plant presmen have already saved 385 tons of metal and have promised to save an additional 130 tons by the end of 1952. Workers in the cast-iron foundry promised to save 450 tons of cast iron in 1952. New designs for ZIS-151 truck parts will save 500 grams of rolled steel stock per vehicle.

CONTINUE OUTPUT OF DEFECTIVE MOSKVICH CARS -- Moscow, Trud, 21 Sep 52

The Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry failed to respond to reports that the quality of production dropped when technical inspection was replaced by personal inspection at the Moscow Small Displacement Automobile Plant [OO-W-24674 describes the defective output of this plant]. As a result, parts were installed in autos without being inspected, and hundreds of defective Moskvich cars soon piled up at the plant.

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The ministry finally investigated the situation, and in August directed the plant to eliminate defects on cars produced in June and July and to deliver them to the sales department. But defects were only temporarily eliminated, and more than 200 Moskvich cars produced in August and September have defects in the engine and rear axle.

Production quality has dropped, and hundreds of dies made in the tool and die shop are not usable. Car bodies have numerous defects, and leaks are found in main brake cylinders of Moskvich automobiles now coming off the assembly line.

The liquidated Division of Technical Control has been partially reestablished in a number of the plant's shops, but only formally. Responsibilities for technical control have been assigned to personnel who have no knowledge of automobile production. As a result, technical control at the plant is ineffective.

FULFILLS PLAN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Moscow, Pravda, 1 Oct 52

The Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni V. M. Molotov has completed its plans for the first 9 months of 1952 as follows: commodity production on 20 September, gross production on 23 September, and truck and automobile production on 27 September. The plant produced hundreds of trucks and automobiles above the plan.

COMPLETES PLAN; TO PRODUCE ELECTRIC TRACTORS -- Moscow, Gudok, 7 Aug 52

The Khar'kov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze completed its plan for the first 6 months of 1952 and turned out dozens of above-plan DT-54 diesel tractors.

Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 17 Sep 52

Besides increasing the output of diesel tractors daily, the Khar'kov Tractor Plant is organizing the production of electric tractors.

BUILD EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRIC TRACTOR -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 18 Sep 52

The Yerevan Electrical Machine-Building Plant, in cooperation with the Yerevan Avtodetal' Plant, has built an experimental electric tractor.

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