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PRODUCTION DRIVE IN RUMANIAN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, JANUARY 1953

[Comment: The drive for greater production in the Rumanian petroleum industry continues to receive constant mention in the Bucharest daily press. During January 1953 the drive was manifested by pledges for increased production in honor of the Third Trade Union Congress, competitions, new methods, new equipment, training, and social welfare. The following articles from Viata Sindicala and Romania Libera are typical of many which appeared in the Rumanian press in January 1953.

It is interesting to note in this connection that a similar drive for greater production occurred in the coal mining industry in the last half of 1952. This drive for greater coal output appears to have been successful, for the annual coal plan was fulfilled for the first time under the Communist regime. The drive for greater production in the petroleum industry has as its goal the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan in 4 years, according to the Rumanian press.]

HOLD TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN FLOESTI -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 7 Jan 53

ASIT (Asociatie Stiintifice a Inginerilor si Tehnicienilor, Scientific Association of Engineers and Technicians) branches in Floesti Regiune, together with union organizations, are making every effort to increase the technical knowledge of workers in the petroleum industry. To accomplish this goal, the ASIT branches held production conferences and sponsored exchanges of experiences among leading workers. For example, a conference recently held at one of the fields discussed "Labor Protection in Drilling." Other conferences were devoted to "Complex Brigades in Petroleum Fields," "A Single Technical Process in Refining, An Expression of Work According to the Graph Method," and other subjects.

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The removal of salt from petroleum and the increase in thermal cracking capacity, as applied at Refinery No 5, served as subjects for an exchange of experiences among petroleum workers. As a result of this exchange, Refineries No 6 and No 7 adopted the methods of Refinery No 5. The removal of salt from petroleum has the great advantage of protecting equipment at the refinery.

Another result of the conferences was the study of corrosion in petroleum processing, undertaken by three technicians' collectives. These collectives examined various anticorrosion agents at Baicoi, Campina, and Moreni. They discovered that corrosion on pumps could be cut sharply by the use of zinc anodes. The new method has permitted the use of pumps in corrosive media for 18-20 days, as compared with a former 7-8 days. This has resulted in considerable savings.

The use of the Soviet Kolodezhny drill has restored production or raised the yield 300 percent at a number of wells in the Urlati field.

Other conferences organized by the ASIT in Floesti dealt with "Socialist Operation of Enterprises and Increasing the Rate of Circulation of Working Capital," "Socialist Operation in Complex Brigades at the Urlati Field," and other topics.

However, there were cases when the technical conferences were not effective because of the lack of orientation of those who prepared them. The subject matter did not always deal with practical problems, and explanations were erroneous. At a conference held at Refinery No 1, for example, speeches on "Explosions in Refineries" were over the heads of the workers and therefore of no value. A conference devoted to "Labor Protection in Petroleum Fields" was not illustrated by concrete examples.

BAICOI INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 6 Jan 53

Petroleum workers of the Baicoi field of Sovrompetrol are complying with a government decree calling for increased production. Workers of Production Section No 4, for example, produced 39 tons of petroleum above the quota in the first few days of 1953. Units under the drilling and extraction offices exceeded plans.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 25 Jan 53

The Pace (Peace) Drilling Brigade of Baicoi pledged that it would bring Well No 193 into production 2 days earlier than scheduled. To fulfill this pledge the brigade took the following measures: prohibiting of absences during the entire drilling time, application of Soviet and Rumanian Stakhanovite methods, intensive drilling, and mechanization. As a result, 534 meters were drilled in 3 days, a record for Baicoi. One team drilled 95 meters in 8 hours. Some difficulties were encountered, however. The speed of drilling was reduced at one point when a layer of hard rock, 70 meters thick, was encountered. Nevertheless, the well was brought in 11 days ahead of schedule.

BOLDESTI PLEDGES EARLY PLAN FULFILLMENT -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Jan 53

Workers of Boldesti pledged fulfillment of the 1953 petroleum extraction plan in 11 months and 10 days, and reduction of the cost of petroleum one percent per ton. Excellent pledges were also made by Baicoi, Campina, Ochturi, Urlati, and Tintea.

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Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Jan 53

Party and union organizations mobilized workers of Boldesti and other fields for greater production. To achieve this goal Soviet methods were introduced. For example, the Soviet method of operating steam boilers for drilling was adopted. This increased the time of operation of boilers between cleanings from 30 days to 90-120 days. At present, more than 16,000 workers are employing Soviet methods.

MOINESTI EXCEEDS PLAN, DISCOVERS NEW METHOD FOR SETTING UP RIG BASES --
Bucharest, Romania Libera, 18 Jan 53

As a result of the production drive in honor of the Third Trade Union Congress, Moinesti exceeded its extraction plan by 2.14 percent. Office No 2 at Moinesti and Drilling Office No 1 at Zemes were in the lead.

Bucharest, Romania Libera, 29 Jan 53

Neculai Secareanu, recently made director of labor at the Construction and Drill Rig Office of Moinesti, discovered a new way to set up rig bases. According to this method the entire drilling equipment of a well becomes one complex and can be moved from one location to another without dismantling. The method proved successful at Well No 825.

MORENI STRESSES WORKERS' WELFARE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 23 Jan 53

Gheorghe Fatiloiu, director of Trust No II, Moreni, declared that the administration of Trust No II, Moreni, is permanently concerned with health and living conditions of its workers.

TARGOVISTE CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN PRODUCTION -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala,
15 Jan 53

The entire Targoviste field celebrated the successes of the Extraction Office at the beginning of December 1952. One of the outstanding workers under this office was Stakhanovite master driller Ion Nastasescu, who attended a special training school at the beginning of 1952. He works directly under brigade leader Dumitru Arjan, famous for his innovation in drilling.

BRIGADES AT URLATI EXCEED PLAN -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 7 Jan 53

Teams at Urlati surpassed norms by 3.59 percent in the first 4 days of January 1953. By additional drilling at Well No 186, and by the use of new methods, a brigade under Soare Puscau was able to exceed its plan by 4.07 percent. Extraction brigades No 2, 3, and 5 were also successful.

SOVROMUTILAJ-PETROLIFER ADOPTS INNOVATION, INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Bucharest,
Viata Sindicala, 18 Jan 53

Sovromutilaj-Petrolifer [referred to in the article below as Sovromutilaj-Petrolifer "Gheorghiu-Dej"] of Resita adopted the innovation of Electromotor of Timisoara and set up special brigades to assist workers in formulating pledges. This method was used in the lathe section, the metal section, the forging section, and other parts of the enterprise.

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Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 24 Jan 53

Workers of Sovromutilaj-Petrolifer "Gheorghiu-Dej" pledged more petroleum equipment for the oil fields. A competition spurred production in the Special Drill Pipe Collar Section. The Bykov-Bortkevich method of high-speed cutting of metals and the organization of work according to the Voroshin method led to the exceeding of quotas. In the first 20 days of January, 660 pairs of drill pipe collars more than planned were manufactured. Workers of the iron smelting section and the steel smelting section also surpassed plans.

Bucharest, Romania Libera, 31 Jan 53

Sovromutilaj-Petrolifer has a thermal treatment section, a machinery factory, a motor coil section, and a oxygen factory.

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