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RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR PEASANTS IN RUMANIA

NEW PLANTS GROWN EXPERIMENTALLY -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 17 Jan 53

The ICAR (Institut de Cercetari Agronomice Romane, Rumanian Institute for Agronomic Research) in Bucharest, aided by the Ministry of Agriculture, for several years studied the possibility of growing new fiber and oleaginous plants that could be adapted to Rumania's climatic conditions.

During 1952 the ICAR experimental station cultivated abutilon, which is grown in dry regions and gives fibers of the same quality as hemp. The cultivation of this plant will be extended to 100 hectares in 1953, including 60 hectares at agricultural schools and 40 hectares at state farms.

Yucca is being grown experimentally, and with good results, to replace Manila rope. A characteristic of this plant is the great resistance of its fiber and the large yield per hectare. It was planted on 15 hectares in 1951 and this area will be doubled in 1953. In addition, it is still planted in hot-houses. A special harvesting machine was built, with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, for use on the 1953 harvest since this plant requires cutting rather than reaping.

Kenaf and raimee (Chinese grass) are also being grown experimentally. These fiber plants are especially important to the Rumanian economy, as are cylindrical luffa, various species of cotton and oleaginous plants, such as sesame, lalleman-tia, and bush hazelnuts, and fodder plants, such as ciunitza (foxtail millet) which yields large quantities of seed.

MEETING OF WORKERS AT IRRIGATION PROJECTS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 1 Feb 53

The meeting of scientists, specialists, technicians, and operators from irrigation projects all over Rumania came to a close on 31 January 1953. The meeting was held at the ICAR in Bucharest. Achievements of scientific research in the field of irrigation and planning were analyzed and discussed during the 5 days of the meeting.

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A resolution was drawn up at the close of the meeting, showing results obtained so far, shortcomings and difficulties encountered, and new duties to be fulfilled. The resolution stressed the application of Soviet experiences. Thorough research and study in irrigation work before planning, mechanization of work, rational use of water, soil improvement, etc. were also included in the resolution. It further recommended the immediate publication of the periodical Hidroamelioratia (Water Improvement), which will inform Rumanian specialists of the success obtained by Soviet science. The resolution also calls for the creation of the Institute for Improvement Research.

The participants sent a telegram to Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, promising to fulfill in 4 years the Five-Year Plan, which provides for the irrigation of 120,000 hectares of arable land.

AGRICULTURAL COURSES FOR THE MASSES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 7 Jan 53

More than 152,000 workers registered in January 1953 for agricultural and animal husbandry courses, as compared to 35,000 attending courses in 1952. These workers belong to state farms, collectives, and TOZ.

Lectures also were organized by the Ministry of Agriculture for small and medium collectives in communes where courses cannot be given.

EDUCATIONAL COURSES IN AGRICULTURE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 7 Feb 53

Courses have been organized all over Rumania for the education of working peasants. The executive committees of people's councils are giving particular attention to this propaganda work.

Bucharest Regiune organized 27 courses for agriculture and animal husbandry at MTS, 139 courses at collectives, and 119 courses at TOZ. Thousands of peasants attended these courses and many thousands of study pamphlets were distributed throughout the regiune by the Ministry of Agriculture. These courses were given by agriculturists and technicians from state farms, teachers of animal husbandry, and veterinarians. In Draganesti Raion, for instance, 28 technicians, agriculturists, and medical men were drafted to teach the courses.

The courses are to last until 5 March 1953. Slobozia, Rosiorii-de-Vede, and Giurgiu raions had 100 percent attendance.

NEW SCHOOL FOR TRAINING OPERATORS OF COMBINES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 14 Feb 53

Rumanian agriculture will be equipped with a large number of harvester-thresher combines in 1953. A school for training operators for these combines was created recently at the Motatei State Farm, Craiova Regiune. Operators are being acquainted thoroughly with every part of these machines, and are being trained to use them with maximum efficiency.

ACTIVITY IN MICHURIN CIRCLES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Feb 53

State farms, collectives, and TOZ in Caracal Raion, are preparing for the spring campaign with the aid of Michurin circles. There are at present 15 Michurin circles in Caracal Raion. These circles are especially active at the Stoenesti, Cioroiu, Bucinitu, and Traian collectives.

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WEEKLY LEAFLET FOR MTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 4 Feb 53

The Hungarian Autonomous Regiune MTS office, together with the agricultural section of the people's council, has initiated the printing and distribution of a weekly leaflet for MTS.

These leaflets analyze the work of MTS in the regiune, tell of the success obtained, and describe working methods. They also criticize lagging MTS, tractor operators, and mechanics who do not observe discipline.

The leaflet of 11 January 1953, for instance, recounts the success of the Reghin MTS in applying the Bugachev method. It also criticizes the management and mechanics of the Sfantul-Gheorghe and Odorhei MTS for not applying this method and for remaining behind in work.

TRAINING OF SKILLED CADRES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 17 Jan 53

The Valea-Calugaresca State Farm Committee helped organize two winter courses for training in various branches. The courses had a regular attendance of 290 workers. The students were divided into 19 study groups, with two lectures for each group.

The courses offer specialization training in agriculture, animal husbandry, and mechanics.

COURSES IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 10 Jan 53

An interregiune course was opened at the beginning of January 1953 in Botosani, to improve the peasants' knowledge of animal husbandry. Fifty-seven animal husbandrymen from Bacau, Barlad, and Suceava regiunes attended this course.

The course also included visits to state farms and collectives in the regiunes, for practical experience.

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