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SHORTCOMINGS, SUCCESSES AT USSR TRACTOR PLANTS

STALINGRAD TRACTOR PLANT LAGS IN PLAN FULFILLMENT -- Moscow, Pravda, 28 May 53

For a long time, the Stalingrad Tractor Plant has not been fulfilling its plan. The enterprise has not met its obligations for reducing production costs and increasing labor productivity.

The plant's subassembly shops are to blame for the lag in production. The foundries do not deliver enough castings to the machine shops, and, as a result, there are not enough parts on hand to assure uninterrupted output of tractors.

In the steel foundry, tracks are moved by hand ten times during the production process. The labor-consuming task of grinding the tracks on an emery wheel is also done by hand. Thirty specific measures for rebuilding equipment and mechanizing operations in the steel foundry were enacted at the end of 1952. In January 1953, Sinitsin, director of the Stalingrad Tractor Plant, issued an order listing completion dates for individual measures and naming the personnel responsible for carrying out each measure. This order had little effect; only two secondary measures have been carried out in the steel foundry. Planning of an automatic for grinding tracks and an overhead conveyor for transporting them is progressing very slowly.

Important measures for raising the technological level in the iron foundry and in the heat treating, pressing, and other shops are not being carried out. In 1952, Sinitsin and his three deputies issued 1,200 orders and regulations, but the plant has no effective system for following up these orders and making sure that they are carried out.

Several Stalingrad enterprises are not meeting their obligations for shipping metal and scrap metal to the tractor plant. The Stalingrad Tractor Plant needs more help from Glavtraktorprom (Main Administration of the Tractor

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Industry), Ministry of Machine Building USSR. Parfenov, chief of Glavtraktoprom, ordered the plant to carry out a number of technical and organizational measures. After a lapse of 5 months, the plant has received barely a third of the funds needed to carry out these measures.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DEFECTIVE OUTPUT -- Minsk. Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 16 May 53

In 1952, the Minsk Tractor Plant received 272 complaints; the Minsk Motorcycle and Bicycle Plant, 1,274 complaints; and the Minsk Automobile Plant, 242 complaints. At the Minsk Automobile Plant, more than 1,000 workers and 100 brigades took part in a drive to improve quality.

The reject rate at the Bobruysk Plant imeni Stalin rose sharply in the first quarter 1953.

More than 4,000 parts and units were rejected in the tractor assembly shop of the Minsk Tractor Plant in 1952.

AUTOMATIC LINES AT TRACTOR PLANT -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 28 May 53

There are two automatic lines in the diesel shop of the Minsk Tractor Plant, one for machining cylinder blocks and the other for machining cylinder heads. On the cylinder head line, 300 tools are in operation; they machine 145 cylinder heads simultaneously. Three set-up men and one operator run the automatic transfer line for machining cylinder heads.

COMPLETES 5-MONTH PLAN -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 31 May 53

The Khar'kov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze has completed its plan for the first 5 months of 1953. Gross output increased 14.7 percent and commodity output increased 17.6 percent over the corresponding period of 1952.

INNOVATORS SAVE PLANT MONEY -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 9 Jun 53

There are more than 4,000 innovators and inventors at the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant. Their suggestions have saved the plant 170 million rubles in the postwar period.

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