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a two-page report in English on the Hungarian oil industry containing information on the amount of oil produced in 1962; areas to be prospected in 1963; decreased oil production and transport during first three months of 1963 due to adverse weather conditions; and the planned expansion of some refineries. *impact of oil from Soviet Union*

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HUNGARYECONOMICThe Hungarian Oil Industry (1962/1963)

In 1962 the amount of crude oil produced was about 1.6 million tons, this is a very little above the figure for 1961. The plan for 1963 is also 1.6 million tons.

2. There are 750 oil and gas borings in Hungary; those in the southern Danube valley and Trans-Danube, those on the east edge of the "small plain" and in south Hungary promise to yield good results.

3. Of the wholly new areas which are to be prospected in the current year, the following should be mentioned:- KOTORMANY, on the western frontier of the country, VASZAR in the "small plain", the SZENTIVANFA area and SOTONY, ZAKANYM BELEZNA, SAVOLY, NAGYRECS and LABOD in the Danube valley, and finally TURA, KENGYEL and TISZAVASVAR in the "large plain".

4. At the end of the 2nd Five Year Plan (1961/65) the Hungarian petroleum industry is scheduled to be producing 2.2 million tons annually, i.e. about 600,000 tons more than it is producing today.

5. During the first three months of 1963 Hungarian oil-production and transport suffered badly as a result of the hard winter. According to official reports, production was about 12% below plan. Arrears can only be made good very slowly during the course of the year. The new oil-fields in the Hungarian Plain suffered particularly. The oil found here solidifies at 30°C. During the cold weather the oil had to be constantly warmed so that delivery to the refinery in NYIRBOGDANY was made extremely difficult.

6. Owing to the shortage of transport, several borings in the oil-fields in the southern ZALA had to be closed and the plan for export of oil products could not be fulfilled.

7. Repair of technical installations at the borings is also suffering as a result of difficulties in delivering parts and components, drills, etc.

Finally there is a shortage of [ ] private cars suitable for cross-country work.

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8. In the refinery at ZALAEGERSZEG 400,000 tons bitumen alone are produced annually. Exports from ZALAEGERSZEG are sent by rail to West Germany, among other countries.

9. At the present time expansion work is being concentrated on the refinery-combine at KOMAROM - "KOMAROMI KOOLAJIPARI VALLALAT", to which the older refinery in ALMASFUZITO and the refinery in SZONY 6 km away, which is now

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process of modernisation, are affiliated. This combine is able to process 1.3 million tons annually and when a cracking-plant has been installed, the amount will be even greater.

10. The second expansion project is the big refinery at SZASZHALOMBATTA, 32 km to the south of BUDAPEST, on the right bank of the Danube. When this refinery has been completed, capacity will be 3 million tons annually.

11. Of the refineries which existed before the war, the one opened by the SHELL Co in BUDAPEST-CSEPEL is still producing about 180,000 tons annually, but when the SZASZHALOMBATTA Combine is operating, it will only produce special products.

12. Supplementing Hungary's own production, in 1963 3 million tons oil are to be imported through the pipeline from the Soviet Union.

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