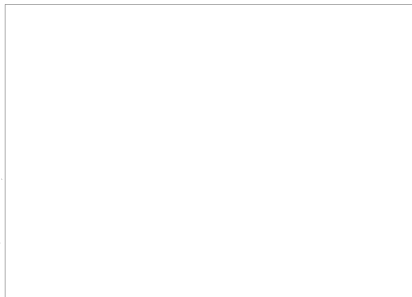




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The construction workers have begun with enthusiasm the construction of the new and modern "Georgi Dimitrov" Agricultural Machinery Plant. The plant will be fully completed by 1955. Its construction is being carried out on the pattern of the Soviet factories for agricultural machinery.

The present "Georgi Dimitrov" Plant was erected on the site of an old nationalized capitalist enterprise, which had been operating on a handicraft level. Only a narrow tumble-down building, half of it equipped with a wooden roof and the other half roofless, was inherited from the greedy capitalists.

Since 1948 the plant has been considerably enlarged, new buildings have been erected, and many new temporary additions have been made in order to increase its production capacity. The government selected the plant for the production of agricultural machinery, urgently needed by Bulgarian agriculture, which is marching on the road to Socialism.

Inspired by the great tasks assigned to them by the Party and the people's government, the workers of the factory mastered within a short time the technique of producing many complex agricultural machines which Bulgaria had until then been importing from abroad. At present the cooperative

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agriculture of Bulgaria receives 30 different kinds of machines manufactured by the "Georgi Dimitrov" Plant, among which are the following: threshing machines, tractor drawn drills, tractor drawn cultivators, tractor drawn harrows, husking machines, and others. In these machines the plant can already meet the needs of the country for agricultural machinery with its production.

The growth of the socialist sector in Bulgarian agriculture demands ever more powerful and more modern methods. In order to meet these needs the Bulgarian people's government decided to construct a new and modern agricultural machinery plant on the same site as the present one.

The erection of the new plant began with the inestimable assistance of the great liberator of the Bulgarian people, the USSR. The plans for the plant were drawn up during the past year by the All-Union Planning Organization in Moscow. The technical plans were completed this year, and they have been approved by the Bulgarian government. By the end of 1952 all the work plans for the construction will also be ready. The chief of the planning group Engineer Nikolay Utyatnikov, and his assistants, the engineer of the general plan, Aleksey Mironenko, the architect, Dmitriy Shirokorat, the engineer technologists, Viktor Kurbatkin and Ivan Solniskhi, and the thermal engineer, Petur Ivanich, are giving valuable advice and aid to the Bulgarian specialists on the spot.

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The first construction work has already begun. The machine-assembly shop is under construction. The following years will see the erection of the rest of the shops, the warehouses, the boiler room, the compressor installation, etc. During the period of intensified construction work on the new shops, the workers will be producing agricultural machines without interruption with the old production equipment. Very soon they will also start manufacturing flax-picking machines, the marvelous cotton-picker or "Dumashchaya" (thinking) machine, as it is called by Soviet kolkhoz members, the beet combines, which will mechanize the labor of the members of the farm workers' cooperatives in the gathering of this important crop. The plant will also produce spare parts for the combines imported from the USSR.

The new plant will be built by the newest construction methods. The spacious and sunny shops will be equipped with machinery delivered by the brotherly USSR, and part of them will be produced in Bulgarian machine-building plants. The plant will have its own rail lines for the transportation of the raw materials and the finished machinery, and it will also have its own water supply, a large cooling and ventilation installation, steam heating, etc.

The enormous new agricultural machinery plant will provide a solid basis for the mechanization of the large-scale socialist agriculture of Bulgaria. Its production will alleviate more and more the labor of the working peasants, will increase yields, and will speed the progress of the Bulgarian

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village.

The builders of the plant are well aware of its great importance for the national economy. Therefore; they are working with redoubled energy, living with the thought of the great results which will come from their untiring labors, and playing their part in building a bright future for Bulgaria.

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