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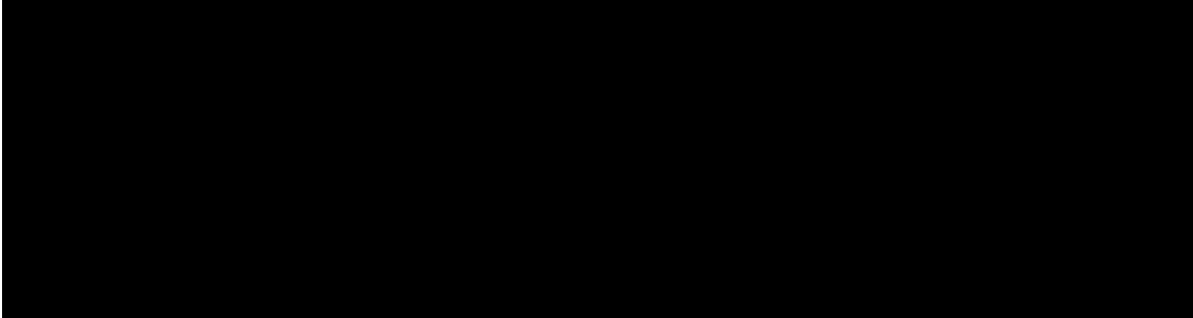
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- 25X1X 1. The monthly output of the Jelasnica mine near Nis has decreased for the following reasons:
- a. Work organization within the mine is poor.
 - b. Because of a lack of the necessary mechanical equipment, the coal must be carried from the mine by the miners themselves.
 - c. The miners being for the most part peasants from nearby villages, they return to the land during planting and harvest seasons. In addition, there is a lack of skilled technicians at the mine.
 - d. Because the miners recently have not been provided with sufficient food-stuffs, many wish to return to their villages.
2. Because of a lack of raw materials, which must be imported, the cotton weaving mill at Nis has worked only one shift since 1 April 1950. Because of this situation many of the workers will be transferred to other industries, while those who have low work ratings will be dismissed. The finished products of this mill are transported daily by rail to an unknown destination. Despite strict control, thefts of cloth from the mill by workers, who sell it to the peasants in exchange for food, are frequent. These thefts are carried out with the knowledge of the warehouse guards, who receive a share of the profit.
3. The out put of the bridge construction workshop in Nis recently has decreased, for the following reasons:
- a. There is a great shortage of raw materials, particularly of iron and steel girders and plates, rivets, carbides used in joining steel beams, and welding electrodes.
 - b. A lack of trained personnel.
 - c. Dissatisfaction among the workers because of low salaries.

As a result of the lack of necessary material, much of the work is left unfinished, nor can new projects be started. In compliance with the norm, workmen put in one to two hours of work daily. Some workers were sent on vacation

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in April because of the lack of work. At an unspecified syndicate meeting a workman named Miladinovic severely attacked the directorate of the enterprise and the leadership of the syndicate because of the unfair treatment of the workers; he was supported by other workers at the meeting. Several days after the meeting the factory section for internal affairs called Miladinovic for questioning, following which the latter did not appear at work again. It is believed that Miladinovic was sent to "corrective" labor either in a quarry or in a lumber camp.

4. At the Nisava Construction Enterprise in Nis, irregularities in working conditions and defective construction often occur in the construction projects performed by this enterprise, as a result of the independence of its supervisors. This has had a damaging effect both on the enterprise and the workers. Illustrative of the poor supervision in the enterprise are the following examples:

- a. Errors made in the construction of some concrete steps made them unusable.
- b. Konstantinovic, the technical chief of the enterprise, circumvents the prescribed wage norms for the construction of cement steps and pays according to his own whim. Despite an admonishment from the directorate, he continues to act according to his own ideas, thus creating dissatisfaction among workers in other enterprises in Nis, who are paid according to the norm.
- c. Konstantinovic also has not adhered to the construction plans for certain projects in Nis, as a consequence of which some of the projects have had to be rebuilt. For example, he places doors and windows in places not provided for them in the plans. It is expected that for this misconduct Konstantinovic will be imprisoned.

Many workers of the enterprise are dissatisfied with the inadequate food supply. The directorate shows very little concern for this situation.

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