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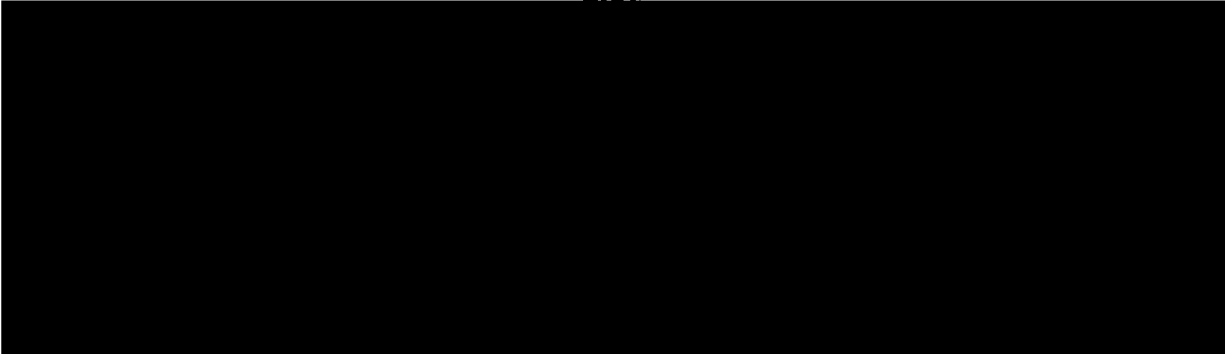
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1. On the whole, Bulgarian industry is considered by the people to be in worse condition at the present time than it was before the war. The construction of new industries is being carried out primarily on a small local basis rather than on a national scale. Some of the major construction works under way and worthy of mention are described below.
2. A hydro electric plant on the Maritsa River at Dimitrovgrad and an artificial fertilizer plant also in Dimitrovgrad are nearing completion. The fertilizer plant will bear the name Stalin when completed. Work on both plants is being conducted on a round-the-clock schedule. A total of approximately 700 workers are employed on both projects, most of whom are Trudovaks; a number of people serving hard labor sentences are also used. The work is exclusively supervised by Soviet experts. The daily salary of the laborers is 350 leva, of which 180 leva is expended for meals at the project mess. The food, although of good quality, can be obtained only in small quantities and the workers' billets are overcrowded and infested with lice. Because of the limited food ration, the poor quarters and the repeated delays in payment of salaries, many workers have delayed the completion of the project. On frequent occasions, workers are known to have abandoned their jobs and fled the area.
3. An electro-porcelain (sic) establishment recently was completed and is located between the towns of Kazanluk and Nova Zagora, exactly 900 meters west of the Kazanluk railroad station. The main two-story building of the factory is very large by Bulgarian standards.
4. A factory for the construction of composition floors and wooden tables has been modernized and has resumed operation. Located in the village of Reanovtsa, near Vratsa, the factory operates two shifts composed of 25 men each. The average production for one shift is 10 cubic meters of composition flooring. The director of the factory is a former teacher, Krsto Todorov, who is now secretary of the CPB for the village of Reanovtsa.
5. A factory for the manufacture of spirits and alcohol, located in Leskovik (sic)², was completed in October 1950 and has operated since that time. A stove

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factory in Leskovik is now in full operation. It manufactures large size cast iron stoves for heating offices and homes. The factory has an ample supply of construction material on hand, and about 100 workers are employed on two shifts.

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