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1. The Vranduk Military Construction Enterprise is reportedly enlarging the 21 May Aircraft Engine Factory, Knezevac, near Belgrade. At present only one of the shops in the Factory is actively engaged in the production of aircraft engines. The machinery for this shop, which is situated at the northern end of the plant, is of German origin.
2. The main shop in the 21 May Factory, which is adjacent to the active shop, is approximately 200 meters by 100 meters in size. An unspecified number of shops are presently under construction southwest of the main shop. One of the largest of these buildings is reported to be located near the Rakovica-Knezevac road. So far, six stories of the building have been completed, and construction is still going on. The directing staff of the Factory will reportedly be housed in this building.
3. Additional buildings, which will serve as workshops and storehouses for tools and supplies, are under construction in the entire sector covered by the plant, from the northwest to the southeast. The plant covers an area of 160,000 square meters (800x200 meters) and is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.
4. The 21 May Aircraft Engine Factory reportedly started operation in the Spring of 1949. In addition to aircraft engines, it reportedly produces machinery and essential tools for the aircraft industry. The Factory is also reported to have some underground installations and, in informant's opinion, underground tunnels are being constructed by the Vranduk Military Construction Enterprise.
5. The Director of the 21 May Aircraft Engine Factory is reported to be Lt. Col. Slavko Petrekovic; the Chief Engineer is reported to be Luka Beleslin; and Radoslav Mirkovic is a staff engineer. The latter was reportedly responsible for the production of a new aircraft engine which was constructed by the Factory in honor of Tito's birthday in June 1950.

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