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1. Building Enterprise No. 25 of the Ministry of Construction, located at Medgidia, in the Dobrogea district, worked for the most part near the Danube-Black Sea Canal. Up to June 1951, the enterprise employed about 6,000 workers, most of whom were soldiers who had been assigned to labor detachments. The Ministry of Construction has a large number of similar enterprises, each of which is responsible for a certain number of building sites. In June 1951, it was planned to centralize building activities and to replace the "Enterprises" by a single administrative unit or "Trust" and to make each building job an independent technical unit under the control of this new body.
2. A new town, which is to be the administrative center of the General Management of the Canal, is being built in Poarta Alba. Near the new town there is a prison camp for persons charged with attempting to cross the frontier illegally or with smuggling currency. Its prisoners work on the Canal. Among the work projects executed in 1951 at Poarta Alba are the following:
 - a. Permanent and temporary barracks for workers and prisoners. The materials were supplied by Comlemn at Reghin.
 - b. The Administration building for the management of the Danube-Black Sea Canal.
 - c. A large number of houses for the new town. A new town is under construction at Medgidia.
3. Also under construction at Medgidia are the following:
 - a. A prison camp for former government officials accused of mal-

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feasance or misappropriation of funds. These individuals are employed at the Canal.

- b. Barracks for workers and prisoners, materials for which were supplied by Comlemm at Reghin.
 - c. Several houses for the new town.
 - d. A cement factory which began operation on 23 April 1951. It has four production lines, each 80 meters long. Equipment for it came from the Vulcan factory in Bucharest and from the Huniedoara (Resita) works. Its entire production is sent to the USSR.
 - e. Several workshops extending over a very large area and consisting of four large halls built one beside the other in such a way that they can be joined into one enormous hall. The floor and walls are made of concrete, with concrete for the sloping sections of the zigzag roof, and glass for the vertical sections. A steel foundry is attached to the shops. Their equipment, which is quite modern, was taken from an old aircraft factory in Bucharest. The shops produce hand and machine tools and do repair work for the Canal. According to plan, the workshops are to manufacture locomotives and freight cars in the future. The workshops are quite suitable for conversion to war production.
 - f. An oxygen factory.
 - g. Garages for trucks.
4. There is new construction, including a new town, at Cernavoda. Included are a prison camp similar to the one at Medgidia and permanent and temporary barracks for workers and prisoners, materials for which are provided by Coalean at Reghin.
 5. Midia and Canara are the terminal points of the section of the Canal from Medgidia toward the Black Sea, and form a separate technical and administrative unit from the rest of the Canal. They are situated on the edge of a sandy bay called Sudghiol, north of Constanta. A dike has been built at this location to hold back the sea water and to prevent deposits of sand from being carried into the Canal. The section of the Canal from Medgidia toward Constanta gradually turns away from the Constanta railway line. Work in this area is pressed on as rapidly as possible and mechanical aids are used; whereas the Cernavoda-Medgidia section has scarcely progressed beyond the blueprint stage and most work is performed by manual labor. One possible reason for this may be that mechanical tools are not employed where they can be observed from the train. Midia and Canara also have camps and barracks for political prisoners. Most of these are former legionnaires. They are considered extermination camps as prisoners are forced to work standing in water even in winter. Except for some Soviet diesel excavators with British trademarks and two coal-burning ones, all the equipment is old and was acquired from former private enterprises.
 6. The budget of Building Enterprise No. 25 was as follows: In 1949 (barracks only) 500 million lei; in 1950, 1,000 million lei; in 1951, 1,700 million lei. The plan for 1952 includes a budget of 1,700 million lei.
 7. Israel Rosenberg is Chief Engineer of Building Enterprise No. 25. He is about 30 years, tall, very conceited but no great expert. He had replaced the able engineer Gilbert who was sent to Petrosani. Gilbert was responsible for the building of the cement factory at Medgidia.

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