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1. The only repair shops in Yugoslavia for broad gauge rolling stock are located in Zagreb, Maribor and Nis. These shops are also able to rebuild old coaches and to repair and even rebuild steam locomotives. The main line passenger coaches are sent into one of these three repair depots approximately once every eighteen months for general overhaul.
  2. From interrogation of various railroad people, the following rough estimate of passenger rolling stock was obtained:
    - a. Broad gauge - 3,100 passenger coaches
    - b. Narrow gauge - 600 passenger coaches
    - c. Mail cars - 250 broad gauge cars
  3. The number of steam locomotives was not ascertainable, but some conclusion might be drawn from the fact that between 100 and 150 sets of locomotive electric lighting equipment will be required per year over the next five years to equip existing locomotives apart from the 300 already supplied and presumably fitted. The proportion of broad to narrow gauge equipment is not known.
  4. The railroad passenger car factory in Smederevska Palanka, Serbia, known as Dragoslav Djordjevic Gosa,<sup>1</sup> has recently been enlarged and by 1953 is expected to produce 300 broad gauge coaches per year. Fifty completed coaches are in the factory at the present time. Although the finish of these coaches is crude compared to Western European standards, they are adequate for internal operation on Yugoslav railroads. The political director of this factory is Djuro Torbica.
  5. The Serbian railroad industry is directed by an organization known as Glavna Direkcija Maschinogradnje, N.R. Serbia. The political director is Svetislav Z. Milivojevic and his assistant is Hexman Ast, a qualified engineer.

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6. The railroad cars are designed by a separate national enterprise called Masinoprojekt, which is located in Belgrade. The political director is Alexander Vlajic, and he is assisted by Engineers Butorski and Markovic. The legal adviser is Janko Stojkovic who speaks good English and is an enthusiastic nationalist.
7. The railroad enterprise has recently placed an order with the "Gosa" factory for 12 three-car Diesel driven train sets (probably automotrices). The trains are being designed by Masinoprojekt and are to be air-conditioned. The object is to encourage tourist travel.
8. The principal buying agency for the railroads is Tehnopromet and the personalities in this concern are:
  - a. Martinovic - Political Director
  - b. Indjic - Commercial manager
  - c. Mijatovic - Assistant commercial manager
9. The Sever factory located in Subotica manufactures electric alternators up to 100 k.v.a. and dynamos for the railroads of 45 amperes upward at 30 volts. The maximum output of these dynamos has been 400 in one year. The standard of workmanship is poor but the equipment is reasonably good. The factory employs between 300 and 400 workmen. The director, a certain Evetovic, stated that the factory was not greatly favored by Belgrade because of its proximity to the Hungarian border.

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 Comment: This factory could be identical with the Jesenica factory, located at Smederevska Palanka.

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