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Production

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1. In April 1951, Zavod No. 11 at Sopot was producing agricultural machinery and ammunition. The larger section of the factory produced plows, harvesters, and heavy trailers for earth-moving machinery.

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2. Production in the agricultural machinery section was slow and often had to be cut down or halted because of defective material. Scarcity of such items as roller bearings often caused layoffs, the longest of which lasted one month. Shop No. 341 of the agricultural machinery section repaired military motor vehicles.

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3. The ammunition section, which produced shells and mines, consisted of the following five shops:

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- a. Mine-casting shop;
- b. Shell-pressing shop;
- c. Shop No. 332, precision workshop for shell finishing;

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- d. "Trutivna," filling shop; and
- e. Charge-placing and shipping shop.

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4. The yearly production quota was as follows: shells, 10,000; 120 mm. mines, 6,000; and 72-82 mm. mines, 8,000. This quota was divided into monthly norms which varied according to the material available. The ammunitions section had large stores of raw material, but was forced to close certain sections because of defective machinery; in February 1951, the ovens in the pressing section cracked and caused a two-week delay in the shell production line.

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5. In August 1951, the entire factory was placed under the Ministry of War and geared to military production.

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Personnel

6. In April 1951, the zavod employed a total of 1,500 workers in three 8-hour shifts per day. Workers were transported to and from the factory in special trucks.

7. All employees of Zavod No. 11 were members of the ORPS (Obsht Rabotnicheski Profesionalen S'uyuz; General Workers Professional Union). Most of the older workers were members of the Communist Party and most young men were members of the DSNM (Dimitrovski S'uyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth). The few employees who were not members of either Communist organization were subject to summary dismissal.

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8. From September 1950 to April 1951, Totyu Denev Tsankov [redacted] was the chief director of the Zavod No. 11. [redacted]

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9. In April 1951, Lieutenant Petur Tochev [redacted] was in charge of Shop No. 332. [redacted]

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10. In April 1951, Georgi Kirkov [redacted] was chief mechanic in Shop No. 332.

Technical Training

11. Zavod No. 11 operates both a "Zavod School" and a "Technical School" for employees. The "Zavod School," which has two classes with a total of approximately 140 students, is open to workers who have completed the third progymnasium class. Students study full-time for two years, after which they are required to work three years at the factory. Engineer Petkov [redacted] teaches chemistry at the school.

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12. The "Technical School" is open to students who have completed the third progymnasium class. Students are paid 12,000 leva per month plus overtime as high as 8,000 leva for working and studying. Technical degrees are given after four year's study. The "Technical School" is operated in two shifts:

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a. 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., work; 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., studies; and

b. 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, studies; 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., work.

13. Yordan Ivanov Gospodinov [redacted] was the Director of the Technical School. [redacted]

Security

14. In April 1951, the zavod was guarded by 50 militiamen who were armed with the following weapons:

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a. Walther pistols;

b. Parabellum pistols;

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c. Shpagin submachine guns; and

d. Rifles.

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15. Soldiers attached to the MVR (Ministerstvo na Vutreshnite Raboti; Ministry of Interior) now guard the factory.



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