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Rumania

Economic Information

The most important Rumanian oil deposits are in Prahova as follows: Moreni, Baicoi, etc. There are about 250 oil wells at Moreni. In the Floesti area the following refineries are situated: Columbia, Astra Romena, etc. All oil wells, refineries and installations pertaining to oil production and distribution are centralized in the SOVROM PETROL Company (Soviet Romena Petrol), a Russian-Rumanian firm. The manager, Kaciarov, is a Russian, while the executive personnel of the firm is Russian and Rumanian. The main office is in Bucharest, but the branch office near the producing site in Floesti, at Via Diligenzei no. 11, is very important.

Construction of the hydroelectric plant at Bazias has been in progress since April 1951, and is expected to be finished by 1953. The plant uses waterfalls of the Danube River, the largest of which is near Bazias. The plant will generate 1,700,000 kilowatts. The personnel directing the construction work is both Russian and Rumanian, but all machinery is Russian-made.

In February 1951, construction of a pipeline was started, which will extend from the Baicoi refinery in Prahova, through the Floresti region, terminating at the port of Costanza on the Black Sea. A Russian engineer is directing the project. The other engineers are Russian and Rumanian. Present progress, and other details of the work, are unknown.

An aircraft factory known by the initials I.A.R. (Industria Aeronautica Romena) at Orasul Stalin is at present building pursuit planes designated as IAR 81s. The plant employs 3,000 - 4,000 workers. Other particulars are lacking.

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