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RAILROAD TO LINK BOSNIA WITH SEA; NEW AIRFIELD OPENED NEAR SARAJEVO

RAILROAD TO BE FINISHED BY 1950 -- Rad, No 225, 25 Oct 49

Construction of the 190-kilometer standard-gauge railroad line from Sarajevo to Ploce Harbor was begun in April 1949, and most of the work will be finished in 1950. The railroad line will develop Ploce into the principal port for the Yugoslav export-import trade. The largest ocean-going vessels will be able to dock there.

The new railroad line will be 80 kilometers shorter than the present narrow-gauge line. It will give Ploce much shorter and better connections with the rest of Yugoslavia than Dubrovnik and Gruz have ever had. The new line will be electrified, through power supplied by the Jablanica hydroelectric power plant, which will be finished by the time the railroad line is ready.

The 2-kilometer Jablanica tunnel, the largest project on the line, is now under construction. About 30 more tunnels of various sizes, viaducts, embankments, cuts, and bridges remain to be built. The power plant and the railroad line will be finished in 1951.

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VINKOVCI ADDS CLASSIFICATION YARD -- Borba, No 250, 20 Oct 49

The construction of a separate freight station at Vinkovci will soon relieve the overburdened passenger station there of all freight traffic.

On 11 October a new classification yard, with 15 tracks and a hump, was completed at Vinkovci. This is the first such hump ever built in Yugoslavia.

Further expansion of the station facilities at Vinkovci is in progress. Traffic there is increasing daily.

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FACTORY BUILDS FIRST FREIGHT CARS -- Rad, No 261, 1 Nov 49

The Railroad Car Factory in Rankovicevo has completed the first freight car of Yugoslav production, and hundreds more are under construction.

Because certain important materials failed to arrive from Hungary and Poland, serial production could not begin by the April deadline. The missing machinery and parts were made by the "Prvomajska" factory and by the Ironworks at Zenica.

NEW ROAD WILL OPEN UP THE SANDJAK -- Rad, No 255, 25 Oct 49

The most important work on the new Boljanici-Suplja Stena highway is near completion. Truck traffic is already running between Boljanici and the industrial settlement of Gradac. Previously all supplies for the Suplja Stena miners had to be carried 25 kilometers by horseback. Now they go by truck to Gradac and from there by tractor to the mine.

Almost all the earthwork for 14 kilometers of highway from Boljanici to Gradac and for 2 kilometers of the road via Cehotina has been completed. The road runs through inaccessible karst and dense forest.

The construction of a ropeway from the mine to Gradac is well advanced. A special road is being built through difficult terrain for transporting the poles, sand, and cement.

SHIPYARD BUILDS THIRD YUGOSLAV TUG -- Rad, No 252, 21 Oct 49

The Tito Shipyard in Kraljevica has built an entirely new tug of Yugoslav materials based on Yugoslav designs. It was christened the Trstenik and promptly put into service.

This is the third Yugoslav tug to have been built this year. Its predecessors were the Udarnik and the Borac, both built in the "3 Maj" Shipyard in Rijeka.

The Trstenik was built on the skeleton of the old tug Radnik. Of its equipment only the steam engine and boiler were repaired and reused. All the other equipment was entirely new.

The tug, which has quarters for eight crew members, is 21 meters long and 6 meters wide and has a 250-horsepower engine. During its test voyage it made 10 knots per hour.

BUTMIR AIRFIELD OPENED -- Borba, No 255, 26 Oct 49

A new and modern passenger airfield has been opened at Butmir near Sarajevo. Work was begun a year ago.

The new airfield has a runway, passenger station, automobile garages, and gasoline and oil storage tanks. Radio and radiogoniometry buildings will be completed soon.

Thus far only one passenger line has used the Sarajevo airfield. Beginning in January 1950, air connections will be maintained with Zagreb, and by the end of 1950 Sarajevo-Split and Sarajevo-Titograd-Skoplje lines will be in operation During the summer there will be flights between Sarajevo and Dubrovnik.

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