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1. The following are officials of the Ernst Thalmann Tractor Plant, located in Stalin (Brasov):

- a. General Manager : Nicolae Vojnarewsky, an engineer
- b. Assistant General Manager : Stefan Ghita
- c. Party Secretary : Gheorghe Raita
- d. Chairman of the Board : Nicolae Pop
- e. Secretary of the UTM : Vasile Stefanescu
- f. Chief Mechanic : Dominik Raiter
- g. Chief Technical Consultant : Constantin Rutz, an engineer
- h. Chief Tester : Ghedeon Muntean
- i. Technical Consultant for Tractors : Gheorghe Aleksandru
- j. Soviet Technical Consultant : Vasnesensky N. Boris, an engineer
- k. Military Representative : Major Traian Modovan
- l. Chief of Planning Office : Ion Hermann, an engineer

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2. Although the Ernst Thalmann plant has now been under Rumanian control for three months, nothing has been changed in the technical and administrative offices. The plant continues to turn out tractors in accordance with Soviet construction methods. The Soviet engineer who held the position of technical adviser for tanks and tractors has remained in his old position in spite of the fact that he was supposed to leave after the dissolution of Sovromtractor.

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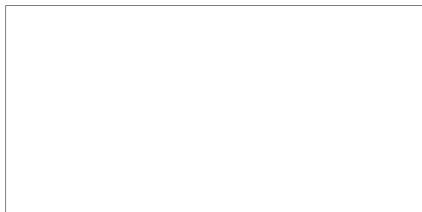


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3. The plant turns out track-laying tractors of the IAR-23, IAR-24 and KD-35 types. Annual production amounts to 3,000 to 3,200 tractors. Plans have been made to mass-produce the new type of tractor "MTZ" (Belorus), and the KDP tractor. Repairing of tractors is not carried out in the plant; this is done at the various tractor stations. The plant also manufactures other types of agricultural machinery.
4. The Ernst Thalmann plant has three affiliated plants which turn out spare parts and engines needed for the tractors. These plants are:
 - a. I.C. Frimu plant in Sinaia, which turns out spare parts for the KD-35 and IAR tractors.
 - b. State Metallurgical Enterprises (IMS) in Roman, which manufactures parts for the KD-35 tractors.
 - c. Independenta Agricultural Plant in Sibiu, which manufactures spare parts and engines for the IAR tractors.
5. It is estimated that from 600 to 700 tanks of the T-34/85 type are produced in the Ernst Thalmann plant yearly. In the event of an emergency this production could be increased considerably. The tanks are assembled, tested, and then turned over to the armed forces. Spare parts for the T-34/85 tanks are made in the plant, however, some are imported from the USSR.
6. The plant has a labor force of 5,000 and covers an area of three hectares. It is located in the Blumana section of Stalin along the railroad and highway leading to Sinaia. This section of Stalin has grown tremendously since the end of World War II and the city has built a special market place here where the workers can find all the necessary food items. Thirty different stalls have been set up which are supplied both by individual farmers and cooperatives.



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