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THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN IN FOUR YEARS

An appeal from workers, engineering and technical workers, and employees of Leningrad to fulfill the postwar Stalin Five-Year Plan in four years was circulated throughout the Soviet Union.

The next four paragraphs quote this appeal and a statement made by Stalin in May 1946, predicting the fulfillment and overfulfillment of the plan.

The first two years of the new Five-Year Plan have fully confirmed this prediction of Comrade Stalin. The year 1947 featured the greatest development of socialist competition in all branches of the national economy.

Remarkable results were achieved. In his report of 6 November on the 30th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, Comrade Molotov reported that in October the gross output of our large-scale industry already had reached the average monthly output of 1940, and thus had already achieved the prewar level. But according to the Five-Year Plan the prewar level of production was to be reached in 1948. We cannot overestimate the significance of the fact that our socialist industry, which bore the difficulties of an unparalleled war, could attain the prewar level of productive output ahead of schedule.

[The three following paragraphs further urge fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan in four years and contain a statement by Molotov to the same effect.]

The patriotic appeal of Leningrad workers roused the workers of the Soviet fish industry. The postwar Stalin Five-Year Plan put responsible problems before the fish industry. It is necessary to restore the economy of regions which had been occupied and to become familiar with the industrial fishing regions of Northern Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands. It is necessary not only to restore the former level of production, but also to surpass it considerably by obtaining a yield of 22 million centners of fish, sea mammals, and unafish

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items in the final years of the Five-Year Plan.

Even in the first years of the Five-Year Plan the fish industry increased its production 10% as compared with 1945. In 1947 a socialist competition among workers in the fish industry of all basins resulted in a further increase in production rates. The yield of fish in the first quarter of 1947 was 35% greater than in the same quarter of 1946, in the second quarter, 20%, and in the third quarter, 34%. These rates must be increased still further.

The experience of the first two years of the new Stalin Five-Year Plan has shown that the Soviet fish industry is in a position to solve the problem of fulfilling the new Five-Year Plan in four years. The raw material resources of our reservoirs guarantee the possibility of increasing the catch. Machinery and equipment are being restored successfully. The fishing fleet is growing. Finally, and most important, the fish industry has personnel who are trained in the years of socialist reconstruction, loyal to the country and to the Party, and capable of solving serious economic problems in true Bolshevik manner.

The following paragraph calls for a patriotic effort to fulfill the Five-Year Plan in four years.

The fulfillment of this historic task lies, above all, in the greatest increase in the productivity of labor and in uncovering reserves within industry. The adoption of average progressive norms and the experience of the best Stakhanovite workers of the Murmansk, Kamohatia, Caspian, Azov-Black Sea, Maritime and other fisheries will give the widest possibilities of fulfilling the Five-Year Plan for the fish industry in four years.

The concluding paragraph praises the loyalty of workers and makes a final appeal for fulfillment of the plan in four years.

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