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REHABILITATION OF THE TAXAO CIL REFINERY

The Takao (Kao-hsiung) Taiwan Oil Refinery, which the Japanese considered the Largest producer of fuel for an Oriental mavy, has an area of 4 million square meters. It was so severely bombed during the war that more of the machinery remained undamaged.

In June 1346, the China Petroleus Company took over its management, and since then has been repairing and replacing the equipment. The recent report on the work of the past 2 years reveals the following:

1. Repaired or replaced 2,480 pieces of equipment; regraded and surfaced more than 20,000 square meters of dirt roads; repaired over 10,000 peters of drains and severs.

2. Constructed the following ripe lines from the Saei (Tsu-ying) factory site to the Takao barbort one 8-inch line, two 6-inch lines, and two 4-inch lines, toteling 14 kiloroters in length in addition, one 12-inch line is in process of being laid.

3. Revaired two big oil tanks, having a total storage capacity of 12,000 kiloliters, at the thore; at Reigaryo (Ling-ya-lico) /near the airfield/ constructed a storage tank of 100,000-kiloliter capacity; and in Takao harbor, constructed berths No 5 to No18, inclusive, for the locing and unloading of oil carriers.

4. The No 2 steam-electric generating plant begar operating on 8 April 1947. Repair of the distillation works and the installation of the added cracking eruipment and of the equipment purchased in America, including the reaction towar, light and heavy oil heat exchangers and substatic appartus, is proceeding rapidly and should be completed by the end of September 1942. The completion of repair and construction of other parts, such as the lubricating-oil works, chemical laboratory, convent porch, drug (or tank) factory, electrical shop, water supply, brick and tile factory, is being runhed.

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5. Last year, 1947, Iran supplied some of the crude petroleum. This year it is being procured in Arabia. At present it is being transported in the 10,000-ton tankers "Nung-hung" and "Yung-tse"; two others, the "Yung-ch'ing" and the "Yung-hao," are awaiting completion of repairs. The company has already leased two 15,000-ton American cil tankers with which the supply of crude petroleum can be increased during the latter part of the year.

6. The refinery has two units, each with a daily capacity for refining 1,000 tons of crude oil. Both are at present not operating during the instillation of the cracking equipment. It is expected that after September 1948 the plant will be able to refins 20,000 drums of oil per day, the output of gasoline being 8,000 drums.

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