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LITEUARIAN VILLACES REBUILD -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 176, 27 Jul 48

The small village of Akushtadvaris, Trakay Uyezd, Lithuania, which was razed during the war is gradually being rebuilt. Soviet authorities have extended aid to workers in the form of financial loans and building materials. Workers' cultural and living conditions have improved since a new power plant, a radio broadcasting and receiving unit, a new book store, and other cultural institutions have been established.

Sovetskaya Litva, No 179, 30 Jul 48

The bown of Rassynyay in Lithuania, which suffered great war damage, se being rebuilt. The plan for the reconstruction of the town, however, is being carried out unsatisfactorily.

Labor discipline in the Construction Office of the Municipal Section is not being maintained. In the first 6 months of 1948, 2,750 man-days were lost through absenteeism.

MOLDAVIAN CONSTRUCTION LAGS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 148, 27 Jul 48

During the first half of 1948, thousands of square meters of living quarters were constructed, a number of enterprises were put into operation, and several cultural and recreational institutions were erected in Kishinev. Despite these achievements, construction remains behind schedule and builders are still not stressing strict economy. Production costs have even increased. In 1947 production costs were 12 percent over plan, and during 4 months of 1948, production costs for the Ministry or Housing Construction went up to 35 percent over plan. According to the Gosplan representative in the Moldavian SSR, the Ministry of Housing Construction completed only 60 percent of the plan for the second quarter, whereas the Kishinev general construction trusts, on the whole, completed their semiannual assignments.

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TADZHIK CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION LAGS -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 151, 30 Jul 48

Construction of a great number of new industrial enterprises in Tadzhik SSR is called for under the Five-Tear Plan. Much has been done recently by the builders of the Shurabskiy Mine, the Stalinabed Cotton Combine, and the Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze, where new mines and shops are being put into operation.

The situation is unsatisfactory, however, with regard to capital construction in the Tadthik Republic as a whole. Factories and plants remain uncompleted for long periods. Union-Republic and local enterprises have failed to fulfill the plan for capital construction in the first and second quarters of 1948.

The causes unsatisfactory progress in construction work are poor utilization of machinery and local materials, lack of proper timing in operations, and lack of labor organization. The Ministry of the Food Industry, for example, began the construction of many enterprises before the war but has still not completed them. Sums allocated for capital construction were not utilized in 1948 or in 1947. The dates for opening the Isfara Alcohol Plant, the bakery and brewery in Leninabed, and the bakery in Uratyubinskiy have long since passed.

According to the Five-Year Plan, new canneries are to be constructed in Kurgan-Trube, Cheptura, and Stalinabad. Two and a half years have elapsed, but the Ministry has not yet even completed its plans and estimates, although the construction of these enterprises was to take place over a period of several years.

The Ministries of the Textile and Local Industries are likewise not fulfilling the capital construction plan.

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