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KARELO-FINNISH AND KIRGIZ BRICK OUTPUT INADEQUATE

KARELO-FINNISH BRICK PRODUCTION LAGS -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 36, 22 Feb 49

Unsatisfactory conditions which have existed in the Sulazhgorskiy, Letnerechenskiy, and Solomenskiy Brick Plants, Karelo-Finnish SSR for over a year have not been corrected. The Solomenskiy Plant (director, Chermukhin) fulfilled the January plan for production of bricks only 73 percent.

It accumulated a deficit of 1,747,000 rubles in 1948 which cost its workers 300,000 rubles in wages. Losses from defects amounted to 191,000 rubles, and from overheating, 150,000 rubles' worth of fuel. During 1948, lack of dry clay caused the press to be idle 754 hours. The general unproductiveness of the Solomenskiy Plant is due to improper use of equipment and lack of attention on the part of plant officials and the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry.

KIRGIZ SSR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OUTPUT UP -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

In 1948, the Kirgiz SSR construction materials industry increased 16.8 percent over 1940. In spite of this improvement, during 1948, there was a shortage of 1,700,000 bricks and 1,403 tons of lime for capital construction.

CEMENT PLANT HONORED -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 53, 18 Mar 49

Ambrosiyevaliy Cement Plant No 1 of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR, in Stalino Oblast, has been awarded the Order of Lenin for its success in producing cement. The 16 March 1949 ukase was signed by N. Shvernik, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, and A. Gorkin, secretary of Presidium of Supreme Soviet USSR.

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GLASS PLANT OPENS IN CHITA OBLAST -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 30, 13 Feb 49

Petrovsk-Zabaykal'skiy -- Construction of the glass plant has been completed in half the scheduled time and will start producing on 15 March. The plant will produce glasses, vases, decanters, medicine bottles, lamp glass, bottles, and other glass products. Some time in the future it will also produce window glass.

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