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NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANTS  
GROWN ON EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

EXPERIMENTS ON NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANTS -- Politika, No 13275, 27 Jun 49

The Department for Industrial Crops of the Federal Scientific Research Institute, in addition to its current work on improved techniques for growing hemp, on testing and selection of hemp seed, and on testing the hardiness of certain varieties of hemp, is undertaking thorough research on certain new industrial plants never grown in Yugoslavia before.

One of these is ramie, whose stems yield a fiber of great importance to the textile industry. The first experiments with this plant in Yugoslavia began this year.

The Institute collects seed samples from all parts of Yugoslavia and from all over the world. After laboratory testing and test plantings in experimental plots, the seed is turned over for further study and use to the Yugoslav experimental farms, selection stations, institutions, etc. About 15,000 wheat seeds from various parts of the world have been collected by a special department of the Institute.

Tea seed also has been obtained and is being tested and studied with a view to large-scale production in Dalmatia and Montenegrin Primorje.

Experimental plantings, containing a large proportion of rubber, have been made in testing plots at the Institute. The results show that they can be grown in Yugoslavia, but that much more thorough study and experiment will be needed. Experimental plantings of koh-sagyr at the Institute have proved that yields of as much as 15 kilograms of pure rubber per hectare may be obtained in Yugoslavia.

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NEW CULTIVATORS USED TO HOE COTTON -- Politika, No 13279, 2 Jul 49

The first hoeing of cotton in the chief cotton-growing districts of Macedonia (Strumica, Djevdjelija, Titoveles, and Radoviste srez) has been completed successfully. For this operation, which requires more man and animal power than planting, more than 8,000 farm workers came down from mountain villages.

The large-scale use of cultivators, each of which can do the work of 15 men, greatly speeded the process. Besides hundreds of cultivators manufactured in other Yugoslav republics, 100 cultivators, representing the first series to be made in the "Tito" Metal Products Factory in Skoplje, were used.

MORE CROP PURCHASE FROM SMALL FARMERS -- Politika, No 13281, 4 Jul 49

The Minister of State Purchase, in conjunction with the Minister of Trade and Supply, has issued a decree empowering the crop-purchase enterprises and cooperatives to buy much more farm produce of various kinds from small and middle farmers at tied prices than last year.

The new list includes many kinds of grain, livestock and livestock products, poultry and eggs, vegetables, industrial plants, leathers, wool, silk cocoons, medicinal plants, and grain, vegetable, and industrial plant seeds.

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