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TEXTILE, BRICK, SUGAR FACTORIES  
NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## LARGE TEXTILE COMBINE IN TIRANA -- Enahelmi, No 1405, 26 Jun 49

The large textile combine to be built in Tirana is one of the most important projects of the 1949 - 50 two-year plan. For its construction 374 million lek have been allocated. This combine will be the first of its kind in Albania.

The factories will include a spinning and a weaving mill, will produce 20 million square meters of cotton cloth per year, enough to satisfy the people's needs. Thus it will permit a reduction of consumer goods imports and more imports of machinery and other industrial items.

The plant will be finished by the end of the two-year plan, with the aid of the Soviet Union. All the machinery will be modern and will be purchased in the USSR on credit previously arranged on favorable terms. The plans for the combine have been worked out by a group of Soviet engineers in accordance with the national Albanian architecture.

Preliminary work at the site has been in progress for 5 months. A repair shop, a smithy, a fuel depot, three warehouses, a building for the electric motors and locomotives, dormitories, mess halls, and a 200,000-liter water supply for the workers have been built or are under construction. Work is proceeding rapidly on the electrical installations to run the machinery and transport building materials. A ropeway has been installed to carry stone, sand, and gravel.

Work will begin this year on the cotton spinning mill, the combine school, two large buildings, the main water system which will supply the entire industrial zone, the large cotton warehouse, the machine shops, the factory garage, etc. An investment of 88 million lek and 1,400 workers will be required for these projects, while in 1950 the investment will reach 286 million lek.

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Next year's projects include the construction of the spinning mill, the dye plant, the thermoelectric power plant, the finished products warehouse, the chemical laboratory, apartments for families, roads on the property, and other necessary projects.

#### NEW BRICK FACTORY BEGINS PRODUCTION -- Bashkimi, No 1405, 26 Jun 49

The newly constructed brickworks at Korce began regular production on 22 June, after a long period of preliminary work, the installation of machinery, and the construction of shelters for drying the bricks and 18 brick kilns.

Before production began, solid brick, tile, and hollow brick were tested and gave good results.

This year the factory will produce bricks for the construction of the sugar factory at Maliq.

#### SUGAR FACTORY CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDER WAY -- Bashkimi, No 1397, 17 Jun 49

Korce -- Work has begun on the foundation of the sugar factory at Maliq after completion of the preliminary construction. Such construction included: barracks, mess halls and kitchens for the workers, the installation of the drinking water system, a transportation system to carry stone from the quarry, and electrical installations. Between 27 May and 8 June, 175 cubic meters of foundation were completed. At the same time preliminary work began on the foundations of the machine shop of the factory.

According to the plan, 12 projects are to be finished this year. They include construction of the main building, the beet-washing plant, the lime plant, the limekiln, the machine room, the water purification plant, the boiler room of the evaporation plant, the Diesel motor room, the coal bins, the machine shop, and a seven-year school for 280 pupils. Construction has already begun on the main part of the beet-washing plant, the lime plant, the lime-kiln, and the machine shop.

Construction material, including 500 cubic meters of gravel, 500 cubic meters of wood, and 3,000 quintals of lime, has been collected. A labor force of 220 workers is busy at the site.

#### PRUNE AND BRANDY FACTORY IN KUKES -- Bashkimi, No 1405, 26 Jun 49

A few days ago the labor unions and commercial cooperatives in the Kukes district began work as volunteers on the construction of a workshop for drying plums and making rakia in Kukes. So far 80 percent of the necessary building materials have been collected, and the actual construction of the building will begin soon. A limekiln with a capacity of 400 quintals has been put into operation by volunteer labor.

#### LARGE BRICKYARD TO BE FINISHED -- Rad, [Serbo-Croatian] No 169, 18 Jul 49

Belgrade -- A modern brickyard, the largest in the Balkans and the only one of its kind in Yugoslavia, will be completed by the end of July. It will greatly expedite construction in New Belgrade.

The modern kiln in the new brickyard will bake about seven times more brick than a beehive kiln, and the quality will be much better and more uniform. The modern machinery will reduce coal consumption by 30 percent and bake the brick about 20 percent faster.

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The new brickyard will increase productivity, reduce the use of manpower, and should permanently eliminate the need for the use of the

In old brickyards, work had to be suspended in summer months because the driers in which the bricks were dried were too close to the heat of the sun. The surplus heat of the fire was also lost into the air. In winter, when there was insufficient heat, the work had to be suspended.

In the new brickyard, the driers have been built next to the kilns as an integral part. Hot air from the furnace will pass into the drier through a narrow passage. This type of heat will dry the bricks much faster and better.

The new brickyard will not remain unique for long. Plans have been drawn for the construction of several equally large ones this year.

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