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SOVIET TRACTOR INDUSTRY EXPANDS -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 98, 3 Jun 49

At present Soviet industry is producing powerful, highly efficient tractors, mostly STZ-NATI 52-horsepower caterpillar tractors and 37-hp Kirovets-D 35 tractors. The production of powerful S-80 Diesel tractors for very large harms and for heavy work has been started. ET-5-1000 electric tractors were modeled on STZ MANT tractors. Experimental electric machine-tractor stations are already in existence, including the Rybnoye MTS in Ryazan' Oblast, Bazhenovo MTS in Sverdlovsk Oblast, and Korsun'-Shevchenko MTS in Kiev Oblast.

In 1940, MTSs had a total of 523,000 tractors and 182,000 combines. During 1948, Soviet industry delivered to agriculture three times as many tractors, twice as many automobiles, and twice as many agricultural machines as in 1940.

Krasnaya Zvezda, No 181, 3 Aug 49

The Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant has significantly increased its output of the Stalinets-80 tractor since last year and labor consumption has been lowered 15 percent. The plant is now producing at a rate 14 percent above that planned for 1950.

VARZ PLANTS UPS TRACTOR OUTPUT -- Vechernyaya Moskva. No 176, 26 Jul 49

The Second Automobile Repair Plant (VARZ) in Mossow produced more tractors in June 1949 than were planned for the entire year of 1948. These tractors are in use in the Moscow area. There are more than 200 such tractors in operation in Zarayskiy Rayon alone.

MAGADAN AUTO-REPAIR PLANT STARTS DRIVE - Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda No 158, 7 Jul 49

The automobile-regair plant was the first enterprise in Magadan to start a drive for more organized production and for improvement of the plant area. The bureau of the Magadan City Committee VKP(b) has desided to count the appearance of shops and grounds in deciding the results of industrial competitions. The bureau has also instructed secretaries of primary Party organizations to further this campaign and give it due consideration in Party conferences.

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QUALITY OF MOTORCYCLE SCORED -- Komsomet skaya Pravda. No 184, 6 Aug 49

In a letter to <u>Komsomol skaya Pravda</u> a reader complains that a Moskvich motor-cycle, manufactured by the Moscov Motorcycle Plant in April 1948 and bought not long ago, is constantly out of order. First the exhaust pipe came off, then the fastening bolts began to break. After 1,000 kilometers the leading gear wheel had to be replaced. After another 1,000 kilometers the drive chain became useless. In less than 4,000 kilometers the pressure rings had to be changed four times, and at present the gear of the rear wheel has to be replaced.

MOSCOW MECHANICS INSTITUTE ADMITS ASPIRANTS -- Trud, No 172, 23 Jul 49

The Moscow Mechanics Institute announces the admission of graduate students /aspirants/ for the 1949 - 1950 school year in engineering and physics, and in instrument building. Applications may be sent to the director of the institute, Moscow, ulitsa Kirova 21, and must be in by 1 September 1949. Entrance examinations will be held beginning 10 September -- Advertisement

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