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SCORES PLANTS FOR DISREGARDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

LACK TRAINING PROGRAM -- Zycie Warszawy, No 331, 1 Dec 49

In enterprises where safety measures are observed, there is a steady increase in labor productivity. However, all enterprises do not observe these measures. For example, the Rygawar factory was supposed to install exhaust fans a year ago and still has not done so. The soot caused by the manufacture of rubber products is found in all parts of the factory. This is not only injurious to the workers' health but also results in the loss of a valuable by-product. The paint shop is also without adequate ventilation.

Every few days at the Peron Acetylene Factory it is necessary to remove the lime deposits from boilers in which carbide is produced. One day when the boiler cover was being taken off, an explosion occurred injuring one of the workers. The explosion started a fire which was extinguished by other workers.

The safety personnel and the managers of the various enterprises are to blame for bad working conditions and for the absence of training programs on safety precautions for workers.

HITS PLANT'S PARTY ORGANIZATION -- Trybuna Wolnosci, No 42, 19 - 25 Oct 49

At the PZPB No 5 Rayon Factory, acids and fluids remaining after the production of rayon are neutralized and then collected into a cesspool. Here the solids and impurities settle at the bottom and the liquid drains into the city sewers. This cesspool is necessary because direct dumping of waste into the city sewers would result in their clogging.

PZPB No 5 has two cesspools, but they are almost filled up and probably cannot be used after 1 January. It was decided, therefore, to begin construction of a new cesspool so that it could be used by 1 December. On 12 July, the Enterprise for Installation of Water and Sewer Systems undertook the project. Work was to begin 1 September and it was expected that by using bulldozers, mechanical ploughs, etc., and employing 60 - 80 workers, the cesspool

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would be completed by the latter part of November. By 15 September, 20 cubic meters of ground were excavated. Only six workers, using shovels, were working on the project. By that time, the management of PZPB No 5 was alarmed and got in touch with the building enterprise in charge of the project. The latter promised that soon all the necessary machinery and 80 workers would be on the job. But nothing happened.

Finally, an agreement was signed by both firms stipulating the following obligations: (1) the entire area would be ploughed by 20 September; (2) during that time, the necessary mechanical equipment would be supplied; and (3) by 22 September, the personnel on the project would be increased to 50. By 30 October, approximately 40 cubic meters had been excavated and only 12 persons were working on the project. The only "mechanical" equipment that was found was a horse-drawn shovel. At that rate, the work on the required 17,000 cubic meters to be excavated would last the greater part of 8 years.

The party organizations at the building enterprise and at PZPB No 5 are equally to blame for not following the matter through. When the secretary of the Party Committee at PZPB No 5 was asked what the party organization had done, he answered: "What can we do? We wrote to the Municipal Committee and they did nothing." It was found, after checking with the Lodz Committee, Economic Division, that this matter was never reported to them and they knew nothing about the negligence of the building enterprise.

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