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TO PRODUCE NEW PHARMACEUTICALS

PLANT EXPANDED -- Thuringische Landeszeitung, No 1, 3 Jan 50

Outstanding achievements in pharmaceutical production are expected from the people-owned Promossol plant in Erfurt, which recently absorbed the former Lessing-Chemie chemical plant. The enterprise is best known as the producer of the patent preparations Lepitoin and Evosin.

The plant's research laboratory, under the direction of Doctor (fnu) Luther, has developed other important pharmaceuticals, production of which is planned in the near future. One of these medications is Dehydrocol, a bile acid preparation made from an extract of bile secretions taken from slaughtered animals; it is used as a cure for diseases of the gall bladder and liver. The pure dehydrocol acid produced in Erfurt is also obtainable in ampules for use in injections. In this form the preparation can be used with good results in the treatment of a number of coronary diseases, such as angina pectoris. It is of particular interest that the substance will dissolve tuberculosis bacilli, which should make it valuable as an aid in the treatment of tuberculosis.

Another pharmaceutical to be produced by the Promossol plant in the near future is Dicumarol, an anticoagulation vitamin which prevents clotting of the blood. Dicumarol can be produced simply and inexpensively and is of great value to the surgical profession as an effective preventive of thrombosis. Production of anthelmintics is also scheduled to start soon.

As a result of postwar conditions, every fourth person [in Soviet Zone Germany?] is infected with worms. This disease is steadily increasing because no effective remedy has been made available thus far. The Promossol plant has succeeded in developing Viocid, a harmless preparation based on gentian violet, an effective but not entirely nonpoisonous medication developed in the US. Because Viocid is effective only against maggots and not against other ascaridic parasites, the plant has developed a second remedy, hexylresorcin, which is equally effective against both types of worms. Mass production will begin after clinical investigations are made.

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TO STRESS EXPORT OF CHEMICALS -- Der Morgen, No 5, 6 Jan 50

During 1950 the 25 enterprises of the Association of People-Owned Variochem (chemical) Plants will stress the production of household chemicals and concentrates for export. According to the Director General, experiments in manufacturing such chemicals and concentrates from domestic raw materials have been successful. Preliminary export negotiations with Belgium and some of the South American countries indicate good sales possibilities.

Within the scope of this program, Variochem-Fotografika will increase its production of photographic papers for export. It is also anticipated that a profitable business will be done with color films, and increased production of both edible and photographic gelatines is planned, together with an increase in the production of water glass.

In the Finowtal Chemical Factory a camphor plant is to be installed during the current year, to supply the photographic industry with its requirements of camphor, which are now being covered by imports.

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