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PLANT PRODUCES 4,000TH TRACTOR

ALSO TESTS NEW-TYPE TRACTOR -- Scanteia, No 1715, 21 Apr 50

"Sovromtractor" Plant in Brasov produced its 4,000th tractor on 15 April 1950. This plant produced its first tractor, model IAR-22, at the end of 1946. In September 1948, 1,000 tractors had been made and by 23 August 1949, 2,000 tractors. Production of the IAR-23 tractor, a greatly improved model of the IAR-22, was started on 23 August 1949. On 21 December 1949, "Sovromtractor" had produced 3,000 tractors and on 15 April 1950, 4,000 tractors.

At present, a new type tractor, the IAR-24-K (see [ ] 28 Apr 1950) is being tested.

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The Five-Year Plan calls for the production of 6,000 tractors annually, which means that there will be 25,000 tractors in Rumania in 1955.

Viata Sindicala, No 793, 16 Apr 1950, carried the following headline: "'Sovromtractor' Produces 4,000th IAR-23 Tractor." This should read "4,000th tractor" since, according to the preceding store, the entire production of the plant is only 4,000 tractors of all models. The Viata Sindicala article goes on to state that the workers at "Sovromtractor" have pledged to exceed the April production plan by 48 IAR-23 tractors. It reports that two IAR-24-K tractors are now ready for tests on the proving ground.

MACHINE TOOLS TO BE READY BY 20 APRIL -- Romania Libera, No 1729, 11 Apr 50

The workers at the "Steagul Rosu" plant in Brasov have pledged to finish two 130-millimeter miller-drills by 20 April (originally scheduled for 30 April) and to exceed the plan for rollers by 5 percent, freight cars and products for the petroleum industry by 25 percent, three-head drills by 25 percent, and wheeled drill heads by 27 percent. By 1 May, the factory is to deliver, in excess of the plan, 15 drill units, 250 pistons for Canadian pumps, and 1,000 units of liners.

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