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NEW, MODERN METHODS INCREASE USSR PETROLEUM OUTPUT

CONTOURAL FLOODING BOOSTS EMBA'S PETROLEUM OUTPUT - Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 15 May 52

A great part of the petroleum strata of the Emba petroleum region is characterized by the fact that the deposits do not lie at a great depth. In most cases wells are sunk at the rate of one well per hectare of petroleum area.

In 1944, contoural flooding was carried out for the first time in the Emba region by forcing water down to the II Jurassic horizon in Dossor and to the I Jurassic horizon in Makat. These horizons are characterized by a large number of low-yield exploitational wells and a relatively large amount of residue petroleum. The original pressure in these horizons had been 14-15 atmospheres, but during exploitation this pressure was lowered and, at the time when contoural flooding was first adopted here, the pressure was only 1.4 atmospheres.

The results of contoural flooding in the Dossor and Makat oil fields indicated that this method of exploitation was highly effective. By February 1945, the average daily output from the exploitational wells was more than twice the original output.

BAKU OIL FIELDS STRIVE TO INCREASE ACTIVE RESERVES - Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 16 May 52

The adoption of progressive work methods, wide introduction of outstanding techniques, and a daily schedule assisted petroleum workers of oil field No 1 of the K'rovneft' Trust to increase their active reserves by eight oil wells and to raise the output possibilities of all active reserves. As a result,

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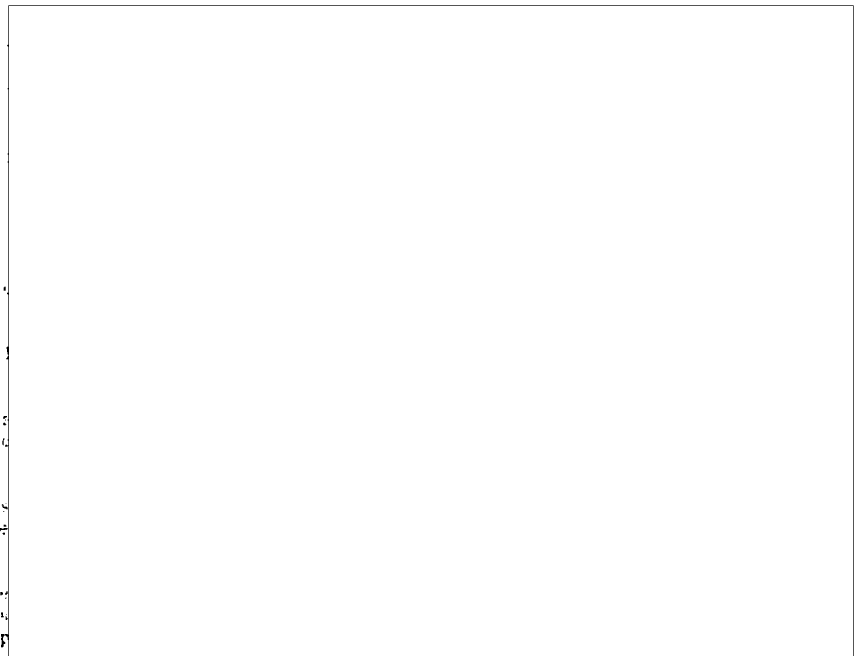


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the daily output for the oil field has risen 5 percent. Petroleum workers of oil field No 5 of the Leninneft' Trust have increased the yield of petroleum from their total active reserves 30-35 percent. At present there is not a single idle oil well in the oil field.

However, the Azneft' and Azmozneft' associations have hundreds of idle oil wells under their jurisdiction. The Buzovneft' Trust had a lower output in March of this year than in January as a result of exploiting its active reserves unsatisfactorily. Delivery of petroleum was discontinued at 49 wells of the Molotovneft' Trust during the past 4 months.

MINERALS PETROLEUM WORKERS MEET 1952 FLEDGES - Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 17 May 52



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- 7. An increase in labor productivity of one percent above the plan for petroleum extraction and of 0.5 percent above the plan for drilling.
- 8. Completion of the 1952 plan for petroleum refining ahead of schedule and delivery of 30,000 above-plan tons of light-colored petroleum products and 15,000 above-plan tons of oils.
- 9. Increase of 0.5 percent above the plan in the amount of light-colored petroleum products derived from the crude petroleum.
- 10. Reduction of 10,000 tons below the plan in technological losses in petroleum and petroleum products at petroleum refineries.

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11. Construction and putting in to use, by 21 December, of 67,050 square meters of housing and 66 cultural and public buildings.

12. Construction and putting into operation by 25 December of 50 kilometers of main highways and commercial roads.

13. Reduction in production costs of petroleum and gas of 0.5 percent by the Azneft' Association and 0.2 percent by the Azmorneft' Association; reduction in the costs of construction and installation work of 0.5 percent for the Azneft', and Azmorneft' associations and the Azterstroyupravleniy (Azerbaydzhan Territorial Construction Administration) of the Main Administration of Petroleum Construction in the West; reduction of 0.2 percent in the costs of operations of the construction and installation trust; and reduction of 0.5 percent in the costs of drilling operations of the Azneft' and the Aznefterazvedka associations.

14. Mobilization of 24 million rubles' worth of materials and equipment from inner reserves in the enterprises of the petroleum industry. Completion of the plan for the gathering and delivery of scrap metal by 21 December.

15. Saving of 10 percent of the norm of metal, electrodes, and timber in the construction of off-shore hydrotechnical structures.

16. Training and increasing the qualifications of 12,000 workers in the petroleum industry.

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