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1951 SOVIET PRODUCTION FIGURES  
FOR PIG IRON, STEEL, COAL, PETROLEUM

On 9 February 1946, at the meeting of the Council of the People's Commissars, Stalin said that, to prepare for the materialistic needs of the Communist society, the USSR must produce 50 million tons of pig iron, 60 million tons of steel, 500 million tons of coal, and 60 million tons of petroleum annually. He also predicted that it would require three successive five-year plans to attain these goals.

However, the 1951 production figures of the basic industries show that the people of the USSR have already made great progress toward attaining these goals during the past 6 years, and that they may possibly attain these goals before the target date set by Stalin in February 1946. During 1951, USSR basic industries produced the following amounts of pig iron, steel, coal, and petroleum: pig iron, 22,059,000 tons; steel, 31,357,050 tons; coal, 281,469,600 tons; and petroleum, 42,358,400 tons.

The petroleum output of the USSR is increasing at the rate of 4,500,000 tons annually; therefore, all she has to do is to maintain this pace for a few more years to attain the goal of an annual output of 60 million tons.

Actually, the output of USSR basic industries is higher each year than the previous year. It can be verified by the reports recently released by the USSR which stated that the output of these industries for the first quarter 1952 was 16 percent higher than that for the same period of 1951.

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