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BULGARIAN "PIRIN" COAL MINE FAILS TO FULFILL PLAN

This article deals with criticism of a second coal mine, the "Pirin" Coal Mine in Brezhani, Blagoevgrad Okoliya. A previous Rabotnichesko Delo article ( ), severely criticized the "Cherno More" Coal Mine in Rudnik, Burgas Okoliya for not fulfilling the production plan. These two articles, in addition to previous articles dealing with antimechanization tendencies in Bulgarian mines, might indicate an indifference on the part of Bulgarian miners as regards production plan fulfillments, as well as poor leadership and poor organization in the mines.

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Since the beginning of 1953, the "Pirin" Coal Mine in Blagoevgrad Okoliya has been averaging 80 percent fulfillment of its production plan. Poor management on the part of former director Stoyne Ivanov and Engineer Bozadzhiev (fnu) is the reason why no work areas are being exploited except the ninth shaft, which is equipped with seven 400-meter chain conveyer belts. Until recently, Kosyu Kosev, the present chief engineer in charge of the mine, did not make plans for obtaining coal from new faces.

No precautions were taken to brace the coal layers because formerly it was believed that they were firm. However, the management saw that the coal layers in the ninth shaft would collapse, but it failed to do anything about it. On 12 May 1953, tens of tons of coal collapsed. As a consequence, work was interrupted on the seven chain conveyer belts and production was halved for several days. The chief for technical safety, Angel Kunchev, does not take the necessary steps to make the work areas safe.

All the faces are not exploited fully. In the ninth shaft, for example, layers of coal 30-40 centimeters thick and at some places even thicker are not being mined. This means that tens of tons of coal are not being exploited. At one time the failure to control the flow of water into the mine caused a work stoppage for several hours.

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Machinery and equipment is not used properly. After one excavator was damaged, it operated only 5-6 days and it was not repaired for 20 days. Blago Antov, machine technician, frequently gives false information on the condition of machines and fails to carry out orders given by the management. Technician Stefan Arbulev is in charge of all transportation, but he does not pay any attention to transportation in the mine [shafts].

The former management did not open new work areas. The present directors must effect the opening of new galleries, because without them the plan fulfillment will be jeopardized. To date, this has not been done. Dimitur Zaykov, director of the "Pirin" Mine, states that effort is being concentrated on opening a new gallery in the ninth shaft for transporting the coal from the mine, and that this is the only place where a new work area can be opened. According to Bozadzhiev (fnu), former technical director of the mine, this gallery should have been completed in May 1952. Because the opening of the gallery has been delayed, all the coal from the ninth shaft is being transported by the seven conveyer belts mentioned above and production is delayed.

The mine party organization, whose secretary is Kosta Radin, is also responsible for the poor results in the mine because it did not strengthen leadership and discipline. Only two party meetings dealing with the production plan have been held since the beginning of 1953, and the mine has not organized any party groups. Agitation and explanatory work with reference to the goals of the party has been neglected. Some Communists violate labor discipline. For example, manager Stefan Arbulev refused to be duty officer in the mine.

Trade union work at the mine is completely neglected. Khristo Popov, chairman of the mine trade union committee, is shirking his duty. As a result, until 15 April 1953 no meetings were held to organize work competitions.

The Blagoevgrad Okoliya Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party is also to blame for the state of affairs at the mine. After Khristo Yurkov was appointed secretary of the mine party committee, the work was poorly controlled. Even after Yurkov was replaced, there was no improvement. The superficial character of the okoliya committee leadership is evident from the fact that inexperienced Evtim Stoyan was appointed secretary of the party committee in the mine.

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