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LABOR SITUATION IN BULGARIA

NUMBER OF WORKERS INCREASES -- Burgas, Chernomorski Front, 16 May 53

From 1949 to 1953 [period of the Five-Year Plan which was fulfilled early in 1953], the number of workers in Bulgaria increased by 333,046. During this period, the number of white- and blue-collar industrial workers increased by 130,410; construction workers, by 34,103; and transportation workers, by 11,694. Because of careful use of raw materials and of machinery, operation costs during this period were lowered by 2,810,000,000 leva.

ENTERPRISES NEED MORE WORKERS -- Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 1 Feb 53

The District Harbor Administration (Oblastna pristanishtno upravlenie) in Stalin needs workers for loading and unloading, as well as drivers for harbor vehicles, on account of an increased work load during 1953. -- Advertisement

Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 31 Jan 53

Because of a shortage of manpower, the Indian cotton which was unloaded from the ship Krasnodar could not be loaded [on trains] until the cadets from "Nikola Y. Vaptsarov" Naval School and seamen from navy podelenies came to the aid of the harbor workers. Trudovaks (members of Labor Service) of garrison podelenies also assisted the harbor workers on that day.

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Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 22 March 1953

The "Minstroy" Durzhavno Minno Stroitelno Obedinenie (State Mine Construction Association) needs foremen and workers for the Second Construction District in Dimitrovgrad. -- Advertisement

OFFICIALS EXEMPTED FROM CONCILIATION COMMISSION AND COURT ARBITRATION -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 29 May 53

The Central Council of Trade Unions has decreed that the disputes and resignations of officials in the following categories cannot be reviewed by conciliation commissions and courts: The secretary of a minister, chairman, or administrator; a deputy chief state inspector (for directing the harvest); an okrug state inspector (for directing the harvest); an assistant okrug state inspector (for directing the harvest); a chief state comptroller; a deputy chief state comptroller; a deputy chief state medical inspector; a chief safety inspector (glaven revizor po bezopasnostta); a chief physician; a deputy chief physician; a chief technical director; a chief engineer, architect, agronomist, dendrologist, etc.; a research director (rukovoditel na prouchvatelen rayon); a chief (manager) of a construction project or projects; a chief of a construction site; a construction manager; a chief builder; a manager of construction groups; a chief of railroad construction section; an administrator of electric power in an area; a chief of a power station or plant; a manager or chief of a factory shop; a trade representative; a deputy trade representative; a chief actuary; a chief of an okrug service, administration, branch, etc.; a chief of an okoliya service, administration, branch, etc.; a chief of a section at the people's soviet; a director of an experimental field; a chief editor; and a deputy chief editor.

SHORTER WORKDAY ESTABLISHED FOR SPECIFIED JOBS -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 27 Jan 53

A shorter workday has been established for workers in jobs which are detrimental to health. The following categories are included:

Six-Hour Workday

1. Workers on copper-smelting converters.
2. Workers occupied exclusively with coking:
 - (a) Coke oven engineers.
 - (b) Skilled blast-furnace workers.
 - (c) Exhauster attendants.
3. Those working exclusively on carbide furnaces:
 - (a) Materials handlers.
 - (b) Skilled carbide workers.
4. Slag and ash handlers attending kilns.
5. Stokers and assistant stokers in electric power stations where coal is loaded manually.
6. Workers employed exclusively at vats for impregnating cork insulating materials.

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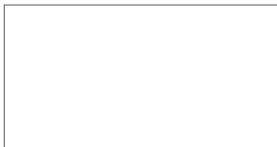
- 7. Those who work continuously with ethyl gasoline at motor testing stations in closed buildings and who disassemble and clean motor parts with aviation gasoline.
- 8. Workers producing nitric acid from saltpeter.
- 9. Oxyacetylene and electric welders working in closed containers (tanks, boilers, cisterns, etc.)
- 10. Workers in the production of enamel glazes, furnace men and assistant furnace men.
- 11. Demolition men and workers employed in the production of dynamite and nitroglycerine, and in the reclamation of old gunpowder.
- 12. Doctors, nurses, and medical trainees working continuously with high frequency generators of more than 200 watts.
- 13. Sound engineers and studio technicians.

Seven-Hour Workday

- 14. Gas-production workers, and stokers in the production of illuminating gas.
- 15. Workers on furnaces for hollow glassware:
 - (a) Glass blowers.
 - (b) Glass heaters.
- 16. Workers employed in glass frosting.
- 17. Monotypists on casting machines.
- 18. Welders working more than 5 hours per shift (except those mentioned in Item a).
- 19. Butchers in slaughterhouses, working continuously at least 6 hours per shift.

The established pay rates, which are based on previously determined work hours, will not be reduced for the shorter workday, nor will they be increased in case a longer workday is introduced.

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