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1. In 1952 drilling operations for oil were undertaken in the Sopron region such as near the villages Fertőszentmiklós, Sopronkövesd, Harka and Kópháza. These drillings were without success. 25X1
2. In the Szolnok area efforts have been made since 1952 to find oil but so far only small quantities have been found. In the spring of 1953 drillings began near the village of Szany.
3. In 1954 work was undertaken near Budapest near the villages Veresegyháza, Ócsomé, Szada, Ószentmiklós and Vachartyan. Only gas was found and at such loss of pressure that no plans for regular exploitation could be made.
4. Since early 1955, oil drilling operations are going on in the region of Miskolc, Mészkesd, Mészkesat, Gőlej and Mésznyarad. The intensity of the search for oil is strongest in the known oil areas south of Zala in the Láspe region and at Gellenháza and environs. Recently the search has been extended in this region along the valley of the river Kerka near the zone called Muraköz.
5. The search has not been abandoned in the Eastern province near the Rumanian frontier round Berekbőszörmeny, Körösszegapáti, Biharnagybajom and Nadudvar. Drilling operations are also in progress in the region Füzesgyarmat, Devaványa and Saeghalom. The work in these areas is much less concentrated than at Láspe.
6. Drillings are made in part with the old German and American equipment and in part with Soviet heavy and medium equipment of the Trauxl make (type UZTM and type BU-40). At Kiskunfélegyháza a factory manufactures drilling equipment patterned on foreign models.
7. Difficulties arise from time to time because of the shortage of pipe as the Rakosi factory at Ósepel and the steel works at Salgotarjan cannot produce enough for all of Hungary's needs.

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