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1. As clearly stated by Mehmet Shehu in his report on the Third Five-Year Plan to the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers' (Communist) Party on 17 February 1961, the Albanian planners had, in formulating the plan, placed full confidence in the technical and financial assistance of the Socialist countries, based on agreements already in effect.
 2. Following the rupture with Moscow in 1961, the Five-Year Plan was able to count on the assistance of Communist China only. It is not possible, moreover, to establish precisely how effective the credits and technical assistance supplied by Peking have been, in order to be able to evaluate whether either was adequate to meet the needs of the Plan. Only an appraisal by hindsight can thus be made, i.e., considering plan realizations which have been announced and the periods in which these realizations occur.
 3. In general, it may be stated that the plan had to be revised: a large part is devoted to agricultural development and the industrial development plan was curtailed. With reference to industrial development, it is noted that there has been a noticeable slow-down, especially with regard to the realization of major projects, such as the Chemical-Metallurgical Combine at Lac (blister copper and phosphat fertilizer), the nitrates fertilizer plant at Fier, the 50,000-KW thermoelectric plant at Fier, etc.
 4. In the recent past, however, a definite revival of work in the industrial sector has been observed. For example, the cornerstones of several projects were laid on the occasion of the festivities of 28-29 November 1962 and the First of May 1963. While this is a modest beginning and most of the projects are of no great importance, over a period of time this could assure a cycle of plan realization.

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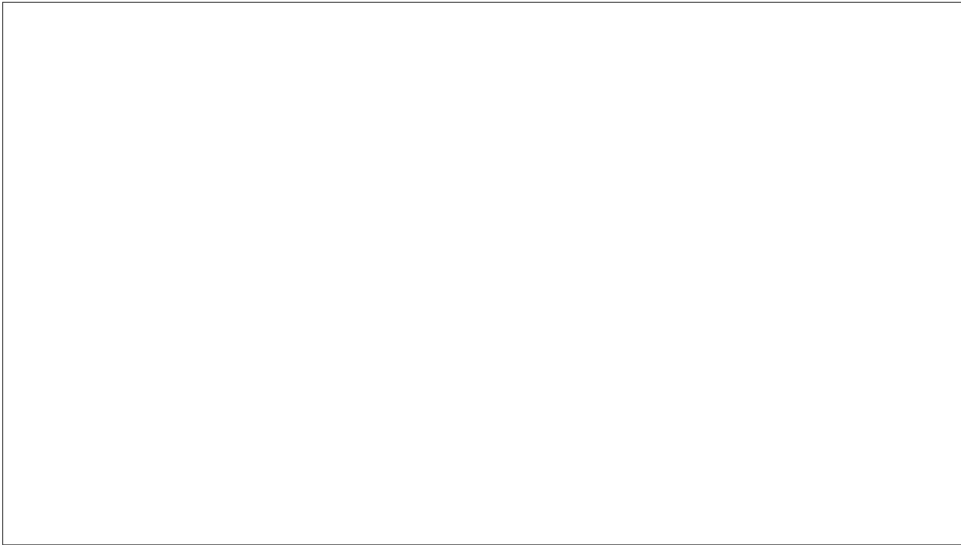
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