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Automobile Parts Factory 27 March

Located at Sumadijska ulica 12, factory was used by the Germans during the war to turn out airplane parts. Currently producing pistons, piston rings and lubricating nipples (production unspecified).

Equipment consists of lathes, grinders and other machines of dominantly German manufacture, while a few are British, American and Czechoslovak in origin.

Factory manager: Savo Ciprovac

Personnel: 140, including staff and workers.

The factory is also engaged in overhauling military and civilian vehicles. Work is greatly hampered by the lack of spare parts.

2. Rakovica

Aviation Engine Factory

Factory turned out RN - 13 trucks until necessary shipments of raw castings and semi-finished parts from Czechoslovakia ceased as a result of the Tito-Cominform rift. Remaining stages of manufacture and final assembly were done here. Bodies were manufactured by the Jasenica Factory at Smederevska Palanka, about 60 kilometers distant from Belgrade. In February 1948 the factory turned out four trucks. Present production is unknown.

The trucks are of a three-ton type, equipped with a four-speed transmission. Maximum speed on a level road, with full load, is 80 kilometers an hour. Because of faulty construction of the differential, the trucks break down after a short period of service.

Attempts to produce automobiles independently, i.e., to depend

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exclusively on Yugoslav resources, have failed to date. For this failure chief engineers Matic and Suic were removed from their posts. Present manager is one Aleksic, an uneducated mechanic.

3. BorovoYugoslav Combinat for Rubber and Footwear

Situated at this community near Vukovar, the factory manufactures tires for small passenger vehicles. Tires are of poor quality and show little resistance to wear. Production figures unavailable.

4. KeranidnicaRubber Combinat

Construction of a huge auto tire factory at this site two kilometers distant from Skoplje commenced in early 1948.

Machinery was imported from the Russian Zone of Germany. Skilled personnel were transferred from Borovo to man the machinery. The manager is an unidentified Czech engineer. His deputy is Periklije Dimitrijevski. As of August, 1948 production had started. Details are unavailable.

5. GojilovoOil and Gas Fields

Situated near Banova Jaruga, fields 1 and 2 of this site yield together approximately 3,000 tons of crude oil a year. Fresh drillings are under way.

6. Bujavica

Near Pakrac, the fields produce methane gas. New explorations are being conducted in the Bujavica and Lipik areas.

7. Aleksinac

Following explorations and drillings in this site in Eastern Serbia in 1948, promising results are reported. No details available.

8. Tuzla

Tentative oil pumping began as far back as 1939 at this site in the Kreka region. It has been resumed this year, and explorations extend to the Majejica mountain region.

Oil exploration in Macedonia is conducted under the guidance of Luka Maric, a first rate geologist of the University of Zagreb.

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