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NRUMANIAOIL INDUSTRY

The Rumanian workers employed at the oilfields near TARGU JIU, in the GORJ district, are subjected to strict military discipline and supervised by special military police units posted near each oil well. They are paid 200 Lei per day, if they succeed in fulfilling the stiff daily norm. The food situation is most the difficult of the whole district.

The TARGU JIU oilwells were discovered during 1950, and are held by the mixed Soviet-Rumanian company Sovrom-petrol. A Soviet citizen (NU), recently arrived in Rumania from Russia, and ignorant of the Rumanian language, has been appointed Director General in TARGU JIU. His monthly salary is said to amount to 15,000 Lei.

At present 15 wells are exploited in BALTENI, near the TARGU JIU - CRAIOVA road, and two more in PESTEANA DE JOS. New wells are being drilled in SACENI, another village in the Gorj district, under the direction of Soviet and Rumanian technicians. In TARGU JIU itself, the buildings of the company are under construction in 1st-May street (former General Dragalina street.)

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confirmed by other sources.