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The discussions on the Budget Report reproduced in the papers of December 29 and supplementary items issued by "Agerpres" provide new data on the 1963 production and financing plan, which were not contained in the Budget Report delivered by Minister of Finance Aurel Vijoli on December 27, nor in the speech of Gheorghiu-Dej on the 1963 Plan, made on December 29. Minister of Oil and Chemical Industry Mihail Florescu stated on December 28 before the National Assembly that crude oil production increased in 1962 by 270,000 tons over 1961 and that an increase by 300,000 tons is planned for 1963. Thus production increased from 11,438,000 tons in 1959 to 11,500,000 tons in 1960, 11,582,000 tons in 1961, 11,850,000 tons in 1962 and 12,150,000 tons planned for 1963, and 12,500,000 tons planned for 1965. Florescu said that the plan of the oil fields of Moisnesti and Targoviste had not been fulfilled. The same applies for the planned production of 1,000 tons of melana (synthetic material).

The production of the chemical industry increased by 22 per cent in 1962 and is planned to increase by 26.6 per cent in 1963. Some 900,000 tons of chemical fertilizers will be supplied to agriculture in 1963. Investment in the 1960-62 period equaled investment in the 1950-59 period. Construction and installation of chemical plants will increase in 1963 by as much as 40 per cent over 1962.

Metallurgical and Machine-Building Industry

"Agerpres" reported on January 8 that the production of pig iron increased in 1962 over 1959 by 85 per cent, that of steel by 76 per cent which means that the production of pig iron increased from 1,100,000 tons in 1961 to 1,565,000 tons in 1962 and that the production of steel increased from 2,127,000 tons in 1961 to 2,500,000 tons in 1962. The goal for 1965 is 2,000,000 tons of pig iron and 3,300,000 tons of steel.

The Minister of Metallurgical and Machine-Building Industry, Constantin Tuzu, said on December 28 that the production of the enterprises subordinated to his Ministry increased in

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1962 by 80 per cent over 1959, with a higher annual rate of growth than that provided by the Six-Year Plan.

Thus in 1960-62 the annual rate of increase in ferrous metallurgy was 20 per cent; in machine-building 23.6 per cent. During this period 70 per cent of internal needs concerning machinery and equipment had been covered by the Rumanian industry. In 1962 investments allocated to this Ministry were 2.5 times higher than in 1959. The production of the enterprises of the Ministry will double in 1963 over 1959. The export of machinery and equipment in 1962 was 2.5 times higher than in 1959. In 1963 productivity is planned to increase by 50 per cent over 1959. Tuzu complained that "over-norm stocks" could be reduced in 1962 only by 30 per cent and that a retard in delivery of equipment delayed the commissioning of new plants. Tuzu also stated that in 1962 a 1,000 m³ furnace and a 400 ton Martin Steel oven were commissioned at Hunedoara, the furnace No. 2 at Resita, the plant for seamless tubes of Bucharest, the radio set and transistor plant of Baneasa/Bucharest and that work at a sustained pace is going on at the Galati steel combine, the Metallurgical Plant of Iasi and Machine-tool factory of Bucharest. The tractor and truck plant of Brasov is being modernized. 1,500 machine-tools had been modernized in 1962, 5000 are planned to be modernized in 1963.

Subscribers to Radio and TV

The paper "Munca" reported on December 21, 1962 that there were at that time 2,100,000 radio subscribers (including wired radio) and 88,000 TV subscribers.

Miscellaneous

- 1) "Agerpres" reported on January 8 that Planning Chief Vice-Premier Gheorghe Gaston Marin received the same day Jean Laurens Delpeche, chairman of the administrative council of ENSA, General Director of the Batingnolles works, now visiting Rumania. Present at the meeting were the Minister of Oil and Chemical Industry Mihail Florescu and Deputy-Minister of Foreign Trade Mihai Petri.
- 2) A Rumanian-Mongolian trade and payment agreement for 1963-65 was signed, Radio Bucharest reported on January 4.
- 3) Radio Bucharest announced on January 5 that a Rumanian-North Korean trade and payment agreement for 1963 had been signed the same day in Bucharest.
- 4) Radio Bucharest reported on January 5 that Minister of Foreign Trade Gogu Radulescu had left for Cairo.
- 5) A Rumanian-Albanian insurance agreement was signed for 1963. Originally signed on May 3 it became effective through a recent exchange of notes, Radio Tirana reported on January 5.
- 6) The Rumanian Minister to Rome, Pompiliu Macovei, has been replaced by Mihai Marin, previously Ambassador to Sofia and former TU Secretary.
- 7) "Scanteia" published the Pravda article of January 7 on "The strengthening of the Unity of the Communist Movement in the Name of the Triumph of Peace and Socialism". Radio Bucharest broadcast excerpts criticizing the Red Chinese for their support toward Albania.