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Lately, many inexperienced people were appointed directors and managers of Rumanian industrial plants. This fact accounts for the failures and shortcomings in the country's industrial production. Production has been suffering also because of another reason: Administrative employees have been and are being transferred to industrial jobs in spite of their complete lack of the required knowledge.

The informant pointed out that about 30 per cent of the government officials were thrown out of the posts in order to provide manpower for new projects, such as the Danube-Black Sea canal and the Electrification Works in the Carpathian Mountains.

Officially it was stated that nobody should work more than 208 hours a month. Thus, any overtime work was theoretically banned. In practice, however, most workers find that they have to work overtime in order to cope with their prescribed production norms.

Another factor contributing to the failures of Rumania's industry is the lack of raw materials. "APACA", a large shirt and clothing factory, for example, is systematically suspending production for lack of buttons.

Speaking of the insecurities of working for the Rumanian Communist regime, the refugee mentioned the case of Engineer ZEIGER (fnu), the author of the Rumanian Five-Year-Plan and a close collaborator of GEORGIU DEJ, Secretary General of the Rumanian Communist Party. ZEIGER was transferred to CRAIOVA and given an engineer's job with a monthly salary of only 15,000 Lei, a punishment for faults committed by his Communist director.

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