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VI - 1253RUMANIALABORDiscontent Among Workers Of The "23 August" Plant
In BUCHAREST

We have been informed that there is a great feeling of discontent in the workshops "23 August" (ex-Malaxa) of the Capital.

A fanatic Communist, TEODORESCU Ion, is director general of these workshops. He is helped in his work by a Soviet woman married to CONSTANTINESCU Haralambie, an official holding a position of importance.

There are around 1,500 workers in the workshop, working in the various branches of railway train construction, namely passenger and freight cars, as well as pipelines for water and methane gas. They produce about 200 railway cars a month. Sheet iron is supplied by the "Resita" workshop. Work is done in three shifts, the night shift receiving an additional 15 per cent of wages. Almost 80 per cent of the production is sent to the USSR.

There are continual breakdowns of the engines.

Many specialized workers were called up for a two months army training. This makes the whole population hope for a coming war leading to their eventual liberation.

DATE OF OBSERVATION:

Current period

EVAL. COMMENT:Source : fairly reliable;
Information: probably true.