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RUMANIA.

OIL INDUSTRY

SOVIETS DRAINING OLD RUMANIAN OIL WELLS

According to reports of a petroleum engineer, oil wells which were closed because of unproductivity and high costs of operation are now being exploited under Soviet auspices. Various old oil installations are now used for the following purpose:

Dacia: is now the construction department for all Rumanian refineries;

Petrolblock: was dismantled and then set up as a new refinery at DARMANESTI, whereto the Dacia power house was moved as well;

Redeventa: now headquarters for geophysical research;

Unirea: now central mechanical works for all refineries;

Xenia: now central petroleum research laboratory;

In PLOESTI, the former office building of the Romano-American company is being used as Communist Party headquarters for the Prahova district.

We were informed in addition that in spite of extensive prospecting by Rumanian, Soviet and other experts, no new oil fields were discovered up to March 1951.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : fairly reliable

Information: probably true, partly confirmed by other sources.