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OIL INDUSTRY

The "Sovrompetrol" oil monopoly in Rumania has reportedly worked out a vast plan for a mass dismissal of Rumanian personnel employed at the oil wells of VALEA PRAHOVEI, VALEA TROTUSULUI, VALEA BUZAULUI. The Rumanians will be replaced by Russian workers and oil technicians who will eventually form the main working force of this important industry.

"Sovrompetrol's" plan provides for two main ways of getting rid of the Rumanian personnel:

To have them called up for military service. Thousands of workers have already been summoned into the army under the excuse of a general mobilization. Others are soon expected to be called back into service for a so-called period of retraining.

To accuse them of insufficient production or of sabotage. A large number of technicians and workers have already lost their jobs in the industry under such accusations.

This removal of Rumanian workers from the oil industry is said to be the first since July 1947.

The Rumanian chemical engineers at the oil refineries of "Sovrompetrol" are also slated to lose their jobs. Three men seem to be maneuvering this purge. The most important is the Russian engineer VASHINSKI Ivan, one-time vice-director of the former "Vega" refinery at CAMPINA. He is now a member of the Central Management at BUCAREST for putting into operation the State Plan. Cooperating with VASHINSKI in the removal of chemical engineers are STEFANENKO (fnu), a Russian engineer, and the Rumanian engineer DAVIDESCU Vasile. DAVIDESCU is a former Iron Guardsman who joined the Communist Party in 1944. Formerly an official at the "Vega" refinery, he has now become inspector-general of all of "Sovrompetrol's" refineries and is responsible for the arrest of a number of technicians and engineers working at the CAMPINA and PLOESTI refineries.

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Very much interested in the thorough sovietization of the technical and administrative staffs of the Rumanian refineries is STEFANENKO, now a member of the oil management at PLOESTI. Formerly he was director of the "Vega" refinery.

Many Rumanian directors and chemical engineers at the refineries of "Atra Romana" at PLOESTI, of "Vega" at CAMPINA, of "Romano-Americana" have lost their jobs already and have been replaced by Russians.

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