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The construction of a hydroelectric power station at STEJAR near BICAZ on the Bistritza river has been contemplated in the Five Year Plan. This station will be one of the major sources of electric power for Rumania and will bear the name "LENIN."

Initial construction work started last year. Barracks had to be built to house technical personnel, workers, political prisoners and "military labor battalions" composed of sons of well-off farmers and members of the middle class. This construction is still underway and will continue until a capacity of 10,000 persons has been reached. The construction of a rail-line to connect PIATRA NEAMTZ with STEJAR is under preparation. This line has already reached VIISOARA and so far some 12 kilometers of track have been laid; there still remain some 14 kilometers. The construction of a railway bridge across the Bistritza river at VIISOARA was completed in December 1950. Numerous "voluntary labor brigades" had been engaged on this work. These brigades were composed of members of the Communist youth organizations and from dismissed employees of the Rumanian State Railways and other state enterprises.

Construction of the large basin was initiated in March 1950. It will have a depth of 94 meters and a capacity of 3½ billion cubic meters of water.

The works are executed by the Ministry of Electricity and Electric Power through the State enterprises "Electroconstructia" and "Electromontaj."

Large detachments of Secret Police (Securitatea) and of militia are assigned to maintain order and to prevent sabotage.

Construction of the hydroelectric power stations at JIUL No.1 and JIUL No.2 had not been initiated by 15 April 1951.

REMEZI-CLUJ could not be located.

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