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ECONOMY-TRADE


Wood-Working Equipment

The wood-working equipment is carrying more and more weight in Romania's machine-tool output. The equipment is being built in several machine-building enterprises, and especially at Roman which has a great specialized unit producing about 50 types and sizes of wood-working machines including 18-20 new kinds, annually. Until 1970 the Roman works is to double its output, by raising labour productivity, scientific organization of production, and investment work under way.

The Romanian wood-working equipment is diversified in keeping with the needs of the national economy now being covered 90 per cent from the domestic output. The Romanian units are building equipment from the simplest one - for mechanised log-cutting - to the complex wood-working plant in forest enterprises, rough conversion and timber polishing in the most modern furniture units of this country.

Here are some novelties of this year. The existing furniture panel polishing machines have got an addition: it is simpler but with greater efficiency. Another novelty is the parquetry polishing or floor finishing machine.

A 18 per cent rise in the output of equipment for forestry is envisaged for this year. The Romanian products in this branch are known in many countries.



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More Merchandises Sold to the Population

The increase by 7.5 per cent of Romania's national income last year, just as of the citizens' cash incomes by 9.1 per cent entailed considerable growth of the volume of commodities sold to the population. So, products worth 81.4 thousand million lei were sold in the home market in 1967, by 9.8 per cent more than in the preceding year. In the first two years of the Five-Year Plan such sales went up by 20.7 per cent, at an annual average rate of 9.9 per cent, thus topping the maximum limit envisaged for the 1966-1970 period.

Nineteensixtyseven saw a following growth of sales: at milk - 16 per cent, at cheeses - 8 per cent, sweets - 14 per cent, bread specialties - 14 per cent, meat - 5 per cent, tinned meat - 10 per cent, wine - 10 per cent, knitwear - 12 per cent, garments - 13 per cent, footwear - 5 per cent, etc. Durables were also sold in larger quantities: furniture - 10 per cent more, sewing machines - 37 per cent, cooking ranges - 24 per cent, washing machines - 9 per cent, t.v. sets 28.6 per cent, etc. The durable goods are also sold to the population by instalments.

Consequent to the diversification of production, broader assortments of food and non-alimentary products have been offered for sale to purchasers.

Small-Power Electric Motors for Export

The Romanian-made small-power electric motors exported last year experimentally, through Maşinexport, have this year recorded orders for 100,000 pieces. The clients are firms of Czechoslovakia, GDR, Italy, Iran, Israel, Sweden and the USA.

The emergence and fast development of this branch is mainly linked to the partial commissioning of the small-power electric motor factory of Piteşti. In a first stage it turns out annually 550,000 mono-phased and universal electric motors with powers ranging from 0.01 to 0.735 kW. In the future, the capacity of the motor department will double.

The electric motors produced in Piteşti are intended for washing machines, refrigerators, ventilators, vacuum cleaners, floor polishing machines, hair-cutters and driers, etc. Their features are small weight and size and excellent operation.

Romanian Garments in the Foreign Market

The Romanian garment industry counts now over 25 large factories whose production this year is twofold that of 1960. Consequently, 22.7 per cent more garment than last year will be exported in 1968, while in terms of value the rise is of 5.5 times over the 1960 level.

The Bucharest "Romanoexport" company is supplying garments to more than 40 countries where their quality and smartness enjoy success. Among the main importers of Romanian garments are firms in the USSR, GFR, Great Britain, Austria, France, Libya, etc.

SCIENCE

Medical Meetings in Romania

Among the important scientific events to be organized in 1968 by the Romanian Union of Societies of Medical Sciences are the national congresses of surgery, pharmacy, hygiene and public health and the national conferences on epidemiology, radiology and rheumatology, to be attended by many Romanian and foreign scientists. Complex problems of a broad scientific interest for the diagnosis and treatment of various diseases, and new points of view accruing from various researches undertaken by specialists for new means of health protection will be discussed on these occasions.

At more than 100 symposia and meetings - in the light of the actuality of immunology, cardiovascular pathology clinic aspects of phthisiopneumology, surgical emergency, etc. - generalized treatments and investigation methods and cure thought out by Romanian specialists will be presented.

During 1968 Romanian physicians will participate in many international congresses and conferences, as well as in meetings of international specialist organizations, and will make known the results of their own researches on prophylaxy and treatment.

Ampelograph Disc

The ampelograph disc conceived by lecturer dr. G. Bălțatu of Jassy is a new device helping to easily determine, describe, compare and systematize numerous vine strains. The handling of small levers produces on perforated cards the classification, form, colour and other features of the studied vine.

The device can also be used in other disciplines of agriculture, in medicine and technical sciences.

SOCIAL-CULTURAL ITEMS

Glimpses from Romanian Women's Life and Work

Millions of women in Romania met March 8, Women's International Day, with fresh successes which mirror their growingly intense participation in the country's life.

At present, 47 per cent of the number of wage earners in Romanian national economy are women. The greatest number of women are working in the light industry where they account for three-quarters of the personnel.

In recognition of their share in the agricultural production cooperatives, some 400,000 women were elected to the management councils of these cooperatives.

Women in the total number of people working in the national economy account for 48 per cent of the medium-grade personnel and 33 per cent of the personnel with college degrees; almost 76 per cent of all women workers are qualified.

Women account for 59.5 per cent of the staff in the domains of education, culture and the arts, and 30 per cent of the entire university staff; over 2,400 women are research workers of the Academy's institutes.

In the sphere of health protection, of social welfare and physical training, women account for 66.2 per cent.

Tens of thousands of women are deputies to the people's councils, 67 are deputies to the Grand National Assembly. Many women hold offices as judges in courts at all levels. 35 per cent of the number of people's assessors are women.

The valuation given to women is also mirrored by the fact that over 2,600 women have been awarded with orders and medals of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

Romanian Contemporary Art Shows Abroad

A large exhibition of Romanian contemporary fine arts is to open soon in Prague. More than 100 works have been selected for display for the Czechoslovak public, illustrative of the current development of Romanian painting and sculpture. The noted artists Corneliu Baba, Alexandru Ciucurencu and Henri Catargi; Ion Gheorghiu, Ion Pacea, Ion Bițan, and sculptor Gheorghe Apostu are among the exhibitors.

Further Romanian fine arts shows abroad are scheduled for the coming months. In Belgium, for instance, an exhibition will be staged of the Romanian painter Ion Tuculescu, who so originally blended the expression of idea and of sentiment, while in Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, Romanian exhibitions of glass painting will be inaugurated, while in Argentina, Brazil, GDR, Mexico, and Hungary exhibitions of tapestry and pottery, and in Iran and Pakistan - of graphic art, etc.

Half of Romanian Shorts Will be Colour Films

Half of the shorts - about 116 - to be produced by the Bucharest "Alexandru Sahia" studios this year will be colour films. The Romanian studios have consequently been endowed with modern installations.

The films will illustrate everyday life highlights etc. The film workers will use various forms of expression - related to the themes - film-portrait, economic, social and cultural documentary, cine-vérité, etc.

First to be released are the documentaries on the George Enescu Contest and Festival, and on Tara Bîrsei and Olteț Gorges, which are picturesque regions of Romania.

DIARY

● Nicolae Ceaușescu, President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Burma in Bucharest U Ba Saw on March 4, on a farewell call.

● Constantin Flitan, the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Romania in Paris, presented his letters of credence to General Charles de Gaulle, President of the French Republic, on March 2. In the speeches made on the occasion, the Romanian Ambassador and the President of the French Republic pointed to the development of the Romanian-French relations.

● An official delegation of Romanian journalists led by George Serafin, assistant editor in chief of the review "Lumea" paid a documentation visit to Finland at the invitation of the Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry.

The Romanian journalists visited the Helsinki, Rovaniemi and Kemi towns, economic and tourist objectives and had talks with political personalities and representatives of business circles of Finland. The delegation of Romanian journalists was received by Ahti Karjalainen, Foreign Affairs Minister of Finland.

● The "Triveni" ballet company of Delhi made a several-day tour of Romania performing in Bucharest and Giurgiu.

