

VITAL CHANGES MADE IN RUSS FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Program as It Nears Finish Altered in Many Ways From Original One.

This is the fourth article of a series on the first and second five-year plans of the Soviet government.

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MOSCOW, April 7.—Prophecy in cold quotable type is a dangerous business, but one prediction can be made with a minimum risk:

Next December, perhaps even in November, in connection with the fifteenth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, the Soviet government will tell the world with all its genius for dramatic presentation that the five-year plan has been successfully completed in four, more exactly, four and a quarter years.

The plan as it stands today, embodied in the control figures for the current year, is related only roughly to the one undertaken in October, 1928. Not only every year, but every month, has brought radical alterations.

The outstanding feature of the whole plan unquestionably is the startling spread of collectivized farming, to the point where extinction of private agriculture in a year or two seems inevitable.

Collectivization Is First

From the angle of ultimate purposes of the revolution, the establishment of a real Socialist commonwealth, collectivization is the most decisive single fact. From the angle of immediate development, it has forced a thorough revision of the plan by necessitating vastly increased agricultural machinery building and expansion of other industries upon which modern farming is dependent.

Collectivization overshadows all other achievements of the last years. Indeed, by affecting food supplies it impinged more directly than any other single factor upon everyday life of the Soviet citizenry. Yet collectivization was not foreseen by the original plan.

Unemployment Wiped Out

The first published program called for only 9.6 per cent of the farming households collectivized by 1933 instead of the 75 per cent scheduled for the end of 1932; for 35,000,000 acres under collectivized cultivation instead of the 260,000,000 acres now announced.

Another accomplishment is the elimination of unemployed. But that, too, was not foreseen by the plan. It foresees a reduction of idleness, but did not promise to abolish it.

Two million new workers were drawn into Soviet industry last year and another 1,200,000 must be added before the plan is brought to a close.

Agricultural machinery for 960,000,000 rubles will be built in the last year instead of the 610,000,000 rubles worth originally scheduled. Where 55,000 tractors were indicated, 83,000 will probably be taken off the belts.

The railroads will have to carry 320,000,000 tons of freight instead of the expected 280,000,000 tons. The largest single enterprise, the Magnitogorsk-Kuznetsk iron-steel-and-cement complex, was not expected at all.

Results Not Gratifying

The straying from the plan, however, is not always as gratifying to Soviet leaders as these.

Projects stressed in the first draft have been forgotten. Transportation needs have been tragically underestimated. The mistake hampered work at every step.

Alluring promises of ampler living standards emphasized in 1929 are soft-pedaled now. In fact, several of the results of the plan, extolled as great victories, are thinly veiled defeats.

Generally speaking the plan will be fulfilled insofar as its physical volume is concerned, assuming that this year's figures are realized.

If the 36 per cent increase in total production over 1931 is attained, the volume indicated for the whole plan will have been achieved with some margin to spare.

LATIN STUDENTS OF STATE TO COMPETE

Annual Contest Will Be Staged at Bloomington Friday.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 7.—Forty-two high school Latin students from all parts of the state will gather at Indiana university Friday for finals of the ninth annual state high school Latin contest.

These students are winners of district meet held last Saturday. The contest is divided into four divisions, representing the various stages in the study of Latin. First, second and third place state winners will be announced for each division.

The examinations are scheduled for 9 o'clock Friday morning, and the papers will be graded in the afternoon. Medals will be awarded to the winners in each division at a banquet Friday night. For the visiting teachers an informal conference has been arranged, to include a visit to Latin classes at Bloomington high school and round table discussions.

Poppy Day Plans Are Made
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service is mounting so rapidly that the veterans' administration, which handles all relief for soldiers, will have to build millions of dollars' worth of new hospitals and hire hundreds of physicians and nurses to meet it.

Although the charge frequently is made that a large proportion of the relief funds is frittered away in administrative salaries and costs, investigation failed to substantiate this.

Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, director of the veterans' administration, cut his administrative costs last year to four and one-third cents on every dollar spent. In 1925 it was more than 5 cents.

These cost reductions have been made despite the continued addition of functions by congress to the administration until now General Hines is managing a branch of the federal government which spends more money by far each year than the combined army and navy de-

partments, and whose ramifications are of infinite complexity.

All payments are perfectly legal. Congress has attended to that. It has legislated against competent medical opinion on what constitutes disability. It has made cash grants despite economic advice concerning the nation's inability to pay for them.

By legislative decree it has declared that disabilities were incurred during the World war when they were not.

Next: The story of fifteen billion dollars—who got it, and why.

Muriel Dodge Has Daughter

By United Press
LONDON, April 7.—A daughter was born Wednesday night to Muriel Dodge, wife of Horace Elgin Dodge, son of one of the founders of the Dodge automobile firm.

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