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of Ammunition**

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Nº 19 OF THE DPRK MILITARY COMMITTEE, 24 JULY 1950

INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF AMMUNITION

In order to increase the production of ammunition the DPRK Military Committee DECREES:

I. Hold the Deputy Minister of Industry responsible for:

a) Organizing the production of ammunition in subordinate plants in accordance with the attachment.

2. Manufacturing five spot welding apparatuses with a capacity of 20-25 kilowatts no later than 30 July 1950 and transferring them to the Yongseong engineering plant and the Pyongyang agricultural engineering plant.

3. Increasing production at plant 65 through the maximum use of the capacity of the shop equipment and, in order to overcome the disproportion in the equipment pool:

a) Mobilizing eight lathes, nine drilling machines, four horizontal mills, and three vertical mills at Ministry of the Industry enterprises;

b) Developing a plan to increase the production of machine tools and submitting it to Gosplan by 1 August 1950 in order to satisfy the need for an additional number of machine tools to produce ammunition;

II. Hold the Deputy Minister of Industry responsible for submitting a request to Gosplan and the Ministry of Trade for the necessary instruments, machines, and an apparatus to analyze metal, metal objects, and chemical products, the need for which is connected with an increase in the production of ammunition, which is not being produced inside the country. The chairman of Gosplan and the chairman of the captured equipment committee are to mobilize these articles from the educational institutions and scientific research institutions of Seoul and also in enterprises which are not manufacturing military products.

III. Hold the Deputy Minister of Industry responsible for providing specifications to the Directorate of Forestry and Gosplan for packing materials for ammunition by 1 August.

IV. Hold the Deputy Minister of Industry and the Chief of the Directorate of Forestry responsible for submitting a plan to the Ministry of Railways by 1 August 1950 to ship the timber and special coking associated with the fulfillment of this decree.

Suggest that the Minister of Railways ensure the timely transport of these goods and assign them to the category of military freight, especially such freight as metals and coking coal, which are intended for plant 65 and other plants producing ammunition.

V. Hold the Minister of Railways and the Minister of Municipal Services responsible for developing measures to produce ammunition at enterprises subordinate to them (in foundry shops) and submit a draft of these measures to Gosplan by 1 August 1950.

VI. Hold the Deputy Minister of Industry responsible for submitting a report to the chairman of Gosplan once every five days about the production of ammunition at civilian enterprises.

VII. Hold the chairman of Gosplan responsible for ensuring the systematic monitoring of the fulfillment of this decree.