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1. The Red October Steel Plant in Stalingrad was obliterated during World War II and was rebuilt by the Soviets before the war ended, using such materials as they could obtain. The machinery is 25 years out of date, and the director of the factory admitted recently that some of the machines were 50 years old. The director added that a new rolling mill plant is going to be built as soon as possible. The plant contains six open hearth furnaces of the Siemens Martin type. The blooming mill machines, which are of German manufacture, bear the names Demag and Schulmann. The blooming mill motors are made at an electrical factory in Leningrad. A recent visitor saw no evidence of electric furnaces at the steel plant.

2. Cleanliness in the factory is well below [] standards. Close to the factory is a plant club, which is extremely clean, containing a good theater, recreation rooms, library, canteens, and billiard rooms. The general standard was far in advance of similar clubs []

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3. Those workers who have a good record for production have their photographs prominently displayed in various parts of the factory. In addition, there are bulletin boards in the factory, on which are written the names of good and bad workers. All the cranes, except the 50-ton crane used for handling liquid metal, are operated by women.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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