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SOVIEHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1930s: SOME BASIC DATA

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I INTRODUCTION


These tables are not intended to be comprehensive, but to supplement easily-available figures with data from the Russian archives and from published sources which are not easily accessible to the historian who does not know the Russian language.

They do not include data about the production of the forced-labour system, which are easily available elsewhere, or more detailed data about the defence sector. The latter will be found in Mark Harrison and R. W. Davies, ‘The Soviet Military-economic Effort during the Second Five-Year Plan (1933-1937)’, Europe-Asia Studies, vol. 39, 1997. 369-406.

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(II) GLOSSARY OF RUSSIAN TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TEXT

art. article (stat’ya)
ASSR Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
(Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic)
CC Central Committee [of Communist Party] (Tsentral’nyi komitet)
CCC Central Control Commission [of Communist Party] (Tsentral’naya
kontrol’naya komissiya – TsKK) [joint staff with Rabkrin]
Cooperatives Includes artisan and timber cooperatives, and cooperatives for invalids
Dal’stroi Gosudarstvennyi trest po doroznomu i promyshlennomu stroitel’stvu v
raione verkhnei Kolymy (State Trust for Road and Industrial
Construction in the area of the Upper Kolyma) [Far Eastern
Construction]
Donbass Donetskii ugol’nyi bassein (Donetsk coal basin)
Eksportkhleb (State Grain Exporting Agency)
Glavalyuminii Glavnoe upravlenie alyuminevoi promyshlennosti NKTP
SSSR(Chief Administration of the Aluminium Industry of NKTP
USSR)
Glavkhimprom Glavnoe upravlenie khimicheskoi promyshlennosti NKTP
SSSR (Chief Administration of Chemical Industry of NKTP USSR)
Glavmed’ Glavnoe upravlenie mednoi promyshlennosti NKTP SSSR (Chief
Administration of the Copper Industry of NKTP SSSR)
Glavnikel’olovo Glavnoe upravlenie po nikelyu i olovu NKTP SSSR (Chief
Administration for Nickel and Tin of NKTP USSR)
Glavorgkhimprom Glavnoe upravlenie organicheskoi khimicheskoi promyshlennosti
NKTP SSSR (Chief Administration of Organic Chemical
Industry of NKTP USSR)
Glavredmet Glavnoe upravlenie po redkim metallam NKTP SSSR (Chief
Administration for Rare metals of NKTP USSR)
Glavsel’mash Glavnoe upravlenie sel’skohozyaistvennogo mashinostroeniya i
obozstroeniya NKTP SSSR (Chief Administration of agricultural
machinery and hore-drawn equipment of NKTP USSR)
Glavsredmash Glavnoe upravlenie srednego mashinostroeniya NKTP SSSR (Chief
Administration of Medium Engineering of NKTP USSR)
Glavstankoprom Glavnoe upravlenie stankoinstrumental’noi promyshlennosti NKTP
SSSR (Chief Administration of Mahine-Tool and Tooling Industry of
NKTP USSR)
Glavtsinkosvinets Glavnoe upravlenie tsinkovoi i svintevoi promyshlennosti NKTP
SSSR (Chief Administration of the Zinc and Lead Industry of NKTP
SSSR)
Glavtsvetmet Glavnoe upravlenie po dobyche tsvetnykh metallov NKTP SSSR
(Chief Administration for the Mining of Non-ferrous metals of NKTP
USSR)
Glavtsvetmetobrabotka Glavnoe upravlenie po obrabotke tsvetnykh metallov NKTP SSSR
(Chief Administration for the Processing of Non-ferrous metals of
NKTP USSR)
Glavzoloto
Glavnoe upravlenie zolotoplatinovoi promyshlennosti NKTP SSSR
(Chief Administration of the Gold and Platinum Industry NKTP USSR)

Gosfond
gosudarstvennyi fond (state fund) [reserves]

Gosplan
Gosudarstvennaya Planovaya Komissiya (State Planning Commission)

GPU
Gosudarstvennoe Politicheskoe Upravlenie (State Political Administration [Before 1924 all Political Police, thereafter a regional section of OGPU])

GUGVF
Glavnoe upravlenie gosudarstvennogo vozduzhnogo flota (Chief Administration of Civil Air Force)

GUKFPR
Glavnoe upravlenie kinofoto promyshlennosti (Chief Administration of Cinema and Photography Industry)

Gulag
Glavnoe upravlenie lagerei OGPU SSSR (Chief Administration of Labour Camps of OGPU USSR)

GUSMP
Glavnoe upravlenie severnogo morskogo puti (Chief Administration of Northern Sea Route)

GUSHOSDOR
Glavnoe upravlenie shosseinykh dorog (Chief Administration of Main Roads)

Ispolkomy including (committees of (local) soviets)
housing cooperatives

kolkhoz
kollektivnoe khozyaistvo (collective farm)

Komzag
Komitet po zagotovkam sel'skokhozyaistvennykh produktov
(Committee for the collection of agricultural products [under STO and then SNK])

kopek
1/100 ruble

mobfondy
mobilizatsionnyie fondy (mobilization reserves)

MTS
Mashino-traktornaya stantsiya (Machine-Tractor Station)

Narkomfin
Narodny komissariat finansov (PC (Peoples’ Commissariat) of Finance)

Narkomkhozy
Narodnye komissariaty kommunal’noi ekonomiki (PCs of Municipal Economy)

Narkomlegprom
Narodnyi komissariat legkoi promyshlennosti (PC of Light Industry)

Narkomles
Narodnyi komissariat lesnoi promyshlennosti (PC of Timber Industry)

Narkommestpromy
Narodnye kommissariaty mestnoi promyshlennosti (PCs of Local Industry)

Narkomoboronprom
Narodnyi komissariat oboronnoi promyshlennosti (People’s Commissariat of the Defence Industry)

Narkomoborony
Narodnyi komissariat oborony (PC of Defence)

Narkompishcheprom
Narodnyi komissariat pishchevoi promyshlennosti (PC of Food Industry)

Narkomprosy
Narodnye komissariaty prosveshcheniya (PCs of Education)

Narkomput’
Narodnyi komissariat putei soobshcheniya (PC of Ways of Communication (= Transport, mainly railways)

Narkomsnab
Narodnyi komissariat snabzheniya (PC of [Food] Supply)

Narkomsovkhozy
Narodnyi komissariat zernovyh i zhivotnovodcheskikh sovkhozov (PC of grain and livestock State Farms)

Narkomsvyaz’
Narodnyi komissariat svyazei (PC of Communications (= posts and telegraph)

Narkomtorg
Narodnyi komissariat torgovli (PC of Trade)
Narkomtrud Narodnyi komissariat truda (PC of Labour)
Narkomtyazhprom Narodnyi komissariat tyazheloi promyshlennosti (NKTP) (PC of Heavy Industry)
Narkomvneshhtorg Narodnyi komissariat vneshnoi torgovli (PC of Foreign Trade)
Narkomvnutorg Narodnyi komissariat vnuntruei torgovli (PC of Internal Trade)
Narkomvod Narodnyi komissariat vodnogo khozjaistva (PC of Water Transport)
Narkomzdravy Narodnye komissariaty zdravoookhraneniya (PCs of Health)
Narkomzem Narodnyi komissariat zemledeliya (PC of Agriculture)
NEP Novaya ekonomicheskaya politika (New Economic Policy)
nepfond neprikosnovennyi fond (untouchable fond) [of foodstuffs, reserves]
NKTP Narodnyi komissariat tyazheloi promyshlennosti (People’s Commissariat of Heavy Industry)
NKVD Narodnyi Komissariat Vnutrennyh Del (PC of Internal Affairs)
obyazatelnaya postavka compulsory delivery
OGPU Ob”edinennoe Gosudarstvennoe Politichesko Upravlenie (Unified State Political Administration [Political Police])
orgnabor organizovannyi nabor (organized recruitment [of peasants for work in industry, etc.]
Orsy Otdeley rabochego snabzheniya (Departments of Workers’ Supply [shops selling consumer goods in factories, etc.)
Osoaviakhim Obshchestvo sodeistviya oborone, aviatsionnomu i khimicheskomu stroitel’stvu (Society to support defence, aviation and chemical construction)
politotdely politicheskiye otdeley (political departments)
prodsnaby food supply organisations
pud 0.01638 tons
Rabkrin Narodnyi komissariat raboche-krest’yanskoi inspektsii (PC of Workers’ and Peasants’ Inspection) [joint staff with CCC]
SNK see Sovnarkom
sovkhoz sovetskoe khozyaistvo (Soviet [ie. state] farm)
Sovnarkom (SNK) Sovet Narodnykh Komissarov (Council of People’s Commissars)
STO Sovet Truda i Oborony (Council of Labour and Defence [Economic sub-committee of Sovnarkom])
Traktorotsentr Vsesoyuzniy tsentr mashinno-traktornyh stantsii (All-Union Centre of Machine Tractor Stations)
troika committee or group of three persons
Tsentroplodovoshch’ Vsesoyuzniy tsentr Sel’skokhozyaistvennoi kooperatsii po kontraktatsii, zagotovke i pererabotke plodov i ovoshchey (All-Union Centre for Agricultural Cooperatives for the contracting, collection and processing of fruit and vegetables)
Tsentrosoyuz Vsesoyuzniy tsentral’nyi soyuzy potrebitel’skikh obshchestev (All-Union Central Union of Consumers’ Societies)
TsGK Tsentral’naya Gosudarstvennaya Komissiya po opredeleniyu urozhainosti (Central State Commission for determining yields [of SNK])
TsIK Tsentral’nyi Ispolnitel’nyi Komitet (Central Executive Committee

1 Metric tons are used throughout this study
Tsudotrans
Tsentralkoe upravlenie dorozhnogo transporta (Chief Administration of Road Transport)

TsUNKhU
Tsentralkoe upravlenie narodnokhozyaistvennogo ucheta (Central Administration of National; Economic Records [statistical agency, formed in December 1931 attached to Gosplan])

Turksib
Turkestano-Sibirskaya Zheleznaya Doroga (Turkestan-Siberian Railway)

VATO
Vsesoyuznoe ob”edinenie avto-tractornoi promyshlennosti (All-Union Corporation of Automobile and Tractor Industry)

Vesenkha (VSNKh)
Vysshii Sovet Narodnogo Khozyaistva (Supreme Council of National Economy [in charge of Industry]) [until January 1932]

VKP(b)
Vsesoyuznaya Kommunisticheskaya Partiya (bol’shevikov) (All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik))

VSNKh
see Vesenkha

zakupki
purchases

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