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Introduction

Georgia, one of the ancient countries with a highly developed culture reached its flourishing after the Great October Socialist Revolution, which created favourable conditions for rapid development of the agriculture, industry, national culture and art.

At present time the industrial enterprises of Georgia supplied with modern equipment and by highly skilled specialists produce ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ferroalloys and complicated machinerics and equipment, among them: powerful locomotives, nautical vessels with submarine wings, lorries, aircrafts, different kinds of instruments and apparatus and a great number of various wares of light and food industries.

Machine tool production keeps a leading position in Georgia. Now under serial production are: screw-cutting lathes (heavy duty engine lathes), external grinding machines and a number of special machine tools for pipe industry. Besides, a number of cutting tools and hand tools are under mass production. Georgia supplies enterprises of USSR with several thousand machine tools and special machine tool lines.

Development of Machine Tool Production

History of the machine too! industry of the Georgian Republic mumbers nearly four decades.

Early in 1930, in Georgia only several weak work-shops producing not-complicated equipment for agriculture were under operstion. In 1929, creation of the Tbilisi Large new mechanical plant was started, now this plant is well-known in the Soviet Union and abroad as the Machine tool Firov plant. At the very beginning the plant was manufacturing special machines for oil industry and in 1936 started to manufacture special screw-cutting lathes, model "507", supplied with tangentinal thread die head for machining threads up to diameter 1,5 inch. Since 1937 the Kirov plant began to produce special pipe-manufacturing machines mainly for oil industry. Since that time modification of pipe-manufacturing machines produced at the Kirov plant was continuously widened. By producing the pipe-outting machines, model. "9161" and pipethreading machines, model "SA151" the plant stop by step gains a leading position in our country on manufacturing a range of machine tools and machine tool lines for pipe industry. At the same time the serial production of the universal screw-cutting lathe was started. Initially, screw-cutting lathe, model "DIP-300", afterwards, model "163" were produced. Since 1972 screw-cutting lathe, model "163" was improved and manufacturing of screw-cutting lathe, model "1M63" was put into production. So, characteristics of screw-cutting lathes were continuously improved and widened by engineers of the plant. Screw-cutting lathe, model "1M63" by its performance figure, rigidity of system machine -

work-piece - tool, machining accuracy and production efficiency comes to the level of the best standards of the similar machines manufactured by the well-known companies.

For example, comparisons of the main performance characteristics of the screw-cutting lathes "1M63", "Morando R-30" (Italy) and "DLE 630E" (DDR) are given in table I.

TABLE I

| Name of a lathe | "1163" | "Morando R-30" (Italy) | "DLEG 30E" (DER) |
|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| The biggest dia- meter of the ma- chined work-pie- ce (mm) | 630 | 640 | 630 |
| The maximum dia- meter of the rol- ling passing through the spin- dle hole (mm) | 65 | 82 | 72 |
| Number of spindle speeds | 22 | 24 | 18 |
| Range of variations of spindle rotati- one (rev/min) | 10-1250 | 12-1500 | 28-14 00 |
| Range of variations of longitudinal feed limits (mm/rev) | QO64-1,025 with the pos- sibilities of 4-Gaultiple increasing | 0 ,049, 14 | 0 ,035- 10 |
| Main motor capacity | 13 | 15 | 10/ 13 |

Using high quality cast-iron, unit-cast bod, quenched main slides of a lathe, high rigidity and accuracy of a machine are reached. Tool life of the lathe is high enough and the duration between capital repairs is rised up to 9 years.

From the days of manufacturing up to present days the plant has been producing more than 5000 machines "2063". Several hundreds of them are sold abroad.

For the purpose of the farther improvement of performance characteristics of the machine tool and providing it with special devices, the plant designers are working on realisation the problem. In the nearest future the plant is going to produce new modifications of universal screw-cutting lathe, model "16K30" which should have the production efficiency by 15-20% higher as compared with model "1M63"; accuracy and the guarantee period of operation will be increased by 20-25%. On the basis of the lathe model "16K30", NC lathes are under progress and will be produced in future.

At present time the plant is producing: pipe-cutting machines 91A11, 91A15, 91A25, 91A38, 91A53; pipe-threading 9214; pirc facing 9139, 9149; sleeve-threading 92179, etc. Besides, speeial machine tool lines are under production too.

Special new-type machine tools have a number of advantages as compared with the initially produced, namely, increased rigidity of machine tool system prevents brittle failure of the outting tool and allows using of carbide tip tools. As a result, production efficiency and accuracy of machining are significently increased, besides, there is a possibility of machining pipes after heat treatment and machining pipes from high-temperature alloys. Guarantee period of operation between the repairs will

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be increased up to 9,5 years. Approximately, the total economic effectiveness from the introduced new models of pipe-machining tools into pipe production industry of the USSR, exceeds 3 million rubles per year.

The Tbilisi Kirov machine tool plant with its design office is an advanced organisation of the Soviet Union on designing and manufacturing special machine tools and machine tool-lines for pipe-production industry.

Serial production of screw-cutting lathes and a great number of customers makes it advisable to use at the Kirov plant many special automatic, semi-automatic and special gear-cutting machine tools, aggregate and NC machine tools for manufacturing processes.

The plant having high-capacity work-shops to manufacture special outting tools, devices and accessories required for own needs, is able to introduce any new achievement of production engineering science.

Usage of aggregate machine tools for manufacturing the gear box, feed box, tailstock frame and other complicated machineparts considerably increases production efficiency and reduces production cost. Samely, applying NC machine tools to manufacture gears, different kinds of shafts and other machine-parts gives the same results. Fourteen special production tool-lines are designed and introduced at the plant for the purpose of increasing the production efficiency and accuracy of machining.

Recently, special painting shop was built at the plant for introducing the new method of electrophorus, for improving the painting quality of the machine-parts.

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Simulteneously with increasing of the production issue, labour productivity and the quality of the production the plant is continuously growing and widening.

The existing work-shops are broadened and the new ones are under construction.

In 1941, the Tbilisi plant of precision cylindrical machines was created. It keeps the second place by its importance in machine tool industry of Georgia. It produces cylindrical grinding machines, model "3A110", "3B110"; superprecision, model "3B110"; drill-resharpening, model "3B659" and some others.

In 1934 nearby Tbilisi in Avtchala place a cast-iron and steel foundry plant "Tsentrolit" was put under operation.

The reason to create high-capacity foundry plant, evidently, is to fulfil needs of the machine-building factories and other enterprises using modern technology. The plant is equipped with modern high-capacity supple, air and electrical furnaces for steel casting. Special casting methods, casting in metallic and non-metallic mould, precision or investment casting, shell moulding etc. are utilised at the plant too.

In 1955 construction of a new special Tbilisi cutting tools plant was completed and now lathe tools with soldered and clamped carbide tip cutting tools, milling cutters from high-speed steel in the range of the diameter 30-45 mm; metrical system taps M3, M6, M8 and M16 are produced at the plant. Mass production of cutting tools enables to use special equipment and high level automation of manufacturing processes.

The Georgian machine tool industry production is exported to many countries: BDR, France, DDR, Poland, Bulgaria, Cz.SSR, Romania, Hungary, the Lebanon, Libya, Bangladesh, Iran, Jordan, the

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Jemen, Mongolia, Turkey, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Iraq, Siria, atc.

Education, Research and Science in the Field of Production Engineering

Development of the machine-building and machine tool industries in Georgia required training highly skilled engineering personnels. For this purpose a new mechanical engineering department with "Production Engineering" speciality was organized in Georgian Polytechnic Institute, in 1936.

Fanous georgian scientists, corresponding member of Georgian Academy, professor G.K.Gedevanishvili, professor G.D.Gotziridze, professor N.V.Kasjan and V.A.Didebulidze were the pioneers in organizing the mechanical engineering department. Simultaneously, some experienced engineers were invited from industry as lecturers to mechanical engineering department and staff members of department was strangthened. A hardful work had been done by them to compose technical terminology, curriculum, different text-books and instruction in georgian language, that made it possible to deliver lectures in mother tongue.

In 1938, the first group of graduating students, production engineering speciality, was sent to entorprises of machine-building industry.

Professorial staff of the mechanical engineering department at the initial period of activities took part in reconstruction of the existing machine-building plants and in designing the new ones in Georgia. By the rune time, scientific and research works were started in the field of metal working processes. Research in the field of "orming and joining processes (forging, rolling, welding) were conducted under the guidness of professor G.K.Gedevanishvili, professor M.V.Kasjan worked in the field of theory of metal cutting and professor G.D.Gotsiridse - on problems of machine tool design. At that period the separate chairs of machine-building technology and machine tool design under professor G.K.Gedevanishvili and professor G.D.Gotsiridze guidness were organized.

Since 1939, a post-graduate study was started at the mechanical engineering department and capable young engineers had been selected for farther teaching and scientific works.

At that period, mining and metallurgic institutes were organised at the National Academy of Science of Georgia and close cooperation between Georgian Folytechnic Institute and Georgian Academy of Science in scientific research effairs was developed. So, step by step scientific and research works in the field of production engineering were broedened.

Since 1950 up today fundamental investigations of the chipformation process of metal cutting, contact and heat phenomena, stress-state condition of working part of the tool and study of physics of friction and wear of cutting tool were conducted by members of the machine-building technology chair.

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As a result of the obtained experimental data theory of brittle and plastic failure of the cutting tool, theory of adhesive, chemico-abrasive and diffusive types of wear were developed.

Results of scientific research works conducted for the abovementioned period were summarized in some monographs: "Chip-formation during Cutting of Plastic Metals", 1952; "Tool-Wear", 1958; "Wear of Diamond and Diamond Wheels", 1967; "Development of Science of Metal Cutting in USSR for the 50 years" the jubilee volume, 1967, are widely adopted in scientific-research laboratories of USER and abroad and are translated into German, English languages.Simultaneously, since 1960 study of various modern engin eering methods, hot-machining of metals, plasma arc-machining, laser-machining etc. is started.

At present time problems of accuracy, contact rigidity and surface finish are also under progress. Results of these research works are reflected in publications of USSR, USA, West Germany, France, India and other countries.

Development of theory of metal cutting and fundamentals of machine-building technology in general, have become significant contribution for creation of a number of high-efficiency manufacturing methods successfully introduced in industries.

As a result of the scientific-research work, high-frequency diamond superfinishing method was originated, which considerably increased obtained surface smoothness and production efficiency. This method was widely introduced at a number of industrial enterprises of USSR and the total economical effect exceeds 200

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thousand rubles per year. Tool wear investigation was a basis for construction of senterless lathe TT-140 and TT-141, used for stripping of high-temperature alloys bars which were under operation at "Elektrostal" and "Verkhnja Salta" plants.

Investigation of hot-milling process of the stainless steel and nickel-based high-temperature alloys give helpful data for designing of special thermo-peeling machine GF-1730 which at present is under production at the Gorki plant of milling machines.

As it is not economically possible to obtain stainless steel and high-temperature alloys ingots which after beeing stripped. are free from all superficial defects, connected with ingots mould casting. These defects are in the main cracks, cold drops, inclusions and other impurities. The ingots, therefore, require special treatment for the elimination of these defects. Designed thermo-pilling machine GF-1730 with its performance should overcom me "Innocenti" hot-ingot pilling machine due to its capacity to provide pilling of high-temperature alloys using special carbide tip milling cutters.

In 1974-75 years a special automatic line for cutting-of pipe ends in hot condition after rolling mills is planned to be introduced at Rustavi metallurgic plant. This modern pipeproduction technology will be transferred into other pipe-manufacturing enterprises of USSR. Formulation of metal cutting tool requirements made it possible to create a new composition of carbides without usage of tungsten and cobalt bond media.

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In 1956, Tbilisi scientific-research technology institute of machine-building (PTNIIME) was founded. The main activity of the institute is working out the new technological and automatic processes for hand tool and file mass production. Special machine tools and machine tool lines were introduced for this purpose.

During the passed period new alloys for explosion proof hand tools, special steels for file production, some buffing and stripping machines for hand tool production etc. were also created.

Some departments of the institute (PINIIME) design new plants and deal with reconstruction of the existing ones.

Many examples can be brough down to show how results of scientific-research works of georgian scientists are used in practice.

Some professors of mechanical engineering department of Georgian Polytechnic Institute, professor T.N. Loladze, professor V.V. Tsotskhadse and professor G.I. Razmadze for some period had been joining UNESCO and were working as UNESCO experts. Professor T.N. Loladze was head of UNESCO mission in Indian Institute of Technology in Bombey, than shief technical adviser of UNESCO for creation Mansura Polytechnic Institute in Egypt. Professor G.I. Razmadze worked as UNESCO expert in Tiruchirapalli Engineering college in India in the field of production engineering, professor V.V.Tsotskhadze worked as an expert of the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombey than had been promoted, now he works as UNESCO chief technical adviser and project manager in Delhi.

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International seminar of UNECCO "New Trends in Curricula Design and Engineering Education" was beld in Thilisi in 1972. Professorial staff of Georgiar Polytechnic Institute and some representatives from industry took an active part in that seminar.

Such, seems, briefly a history of the development of machine tool industry and production engineering research in Soviet Georgie.

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