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For three days, members of the leadership of ministries, leading cadres in charge of planning in institutions, industrial centrals, in county economic councils, research workers and academic staff participated in a session of scientific reports organized by the State Planning Committee.

The theme of the session "The Improvement of Planning Activity" has given the participants the possibility to discuss from materialistic-dialectical positions a series of complex problems of planning activity in the present stage of the building of the multilaterally developed socialist society in our country. At the same time, one of the main objectives pursued by the organizers was to bring the subject-matter of the session as near as possible to the tasks set by the National Conference and the Tenth Party Congress on the raising of planning on to a higher qualitative stage.

In keeping with these objectives, the subject-matter was centred around some very topical theoretical and practical issues, such as:

— the tasks incumbent on planning in carrying out the party policy of the building of the manysidedly developed socialist society;

— the improvement of the methods of drawing up the plans and the system of indicators used in the working out, substantiation and pursuing of the fulfilment of the plan;

— planning and the complex aspects of the raising of economic efficiency in all sectors of activity;

— prognoses and their role in the long-term planning of economic-social development; methods and techniques of investigation into the future;

— the modelling of economic processes, the organization of the informational flow of planning, automatic data processing in the drawing up and pursuing of the plan.

The proceedings of the second session of reports were opened by the chairman of the State Planning Committee, Maxim Berghianu who, after the salute addressed to the participants presented the report "Present and Future Problems of the Improvement of Planning". In continuation of the plenary meeting, reports were presented by professor Manea Mănescu, chairman of the Economic Council-"Economic Quantification", professor Miron

Constantinescu, chairman of the Academy of Social and Political Sciences — "The Improvement of the Planning of Research in the Field of Social Sciences" and by professor Mircea Malița, minister of education — "Planning and Prognosis".

The session agenda included over 100 reports elaborated by the staff of the State Planning Committee, by specialists of other institutions, industrial centrals, local organs, designing and research and higher education institutes.

The proceedings took place in four work sections, namely:

— Problems of planning methodology; the indicators system.

— Planning and economic efficiency.

— Prognosis — methods and techniques.

— Economic modelling, informational flow and automatic data processing.

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