



Manufacture of a Waterplane



Aerodrome

## "Ikarus" Ltd., Novisad.

As far back as the beginning of 1923 a number of home businessmen conceived the idea of building aeroplanes according to plans and models supplied by the Army and Navy Office. After coming to an understanding

required in training workmen, an independent draughtsman's office, and the numerous expert and business staff needed for such an aeroplane factory.

The extension of the draughtsman's offices and the employment of the full complement of experts has made it possible to work at two new types corresponding with the demands of the authorities. One of these types was used for reconnoitering from afar and is fitted with a motor of from 250 to 315 HP. This type is also destined for air transport service which is to be inaugurated in the near future. The specially adapted hydro-limousine with a capacity of 600 kilo and a speed of 150 to 180 km will make it possible to realise the aero line Beograd—Zagreb and, later, the line Sušak—Boka Kotorska. The second type is a modern school aeroplane to be used in the army flying school.

These two types will bring the factory larger contracts, a fact which has decided the board to enlarge the workshops. In consequence of the encouragement given by the authorities so far, and the good prospects of its development, the undertaking has succeeded in interesting strong financial circles in their business. The present share capital of 5 mill. Dinars will be raised as occasion requires, so that the company will be in a position to meet all the demands of the army and navy.

At present, negotiations are being carried on with the competent ministries to guarantee a sufficient number of orders for motors whereupon the company will dedicate its efforts also to this branch of industry.

As is well-known, the construction both of aeroplanes and of motors is possible in our country; the company has already succeeded in obtaining the greater part of the requisite raw material at home, while only a few certain unfinished materials have to be imported from abroad.

The factory's premises measure some 11,000 m<sup>2</sup>, about 2,800 m<sup>2</sup> of which are built on. At present the staff to the value of 13 million Dinars has been consumed. The capacity for the year 1926 comprises the entire consists of 120 workmen and 18 clerks. So far material construction of 60 school aeroplanes and 36 war aeroplanes.



Mr. Dimitrije P. Konjović, Director general

with the proper authorities on the 11th Oct. 1923, they founded the new Company which they called "The Ikarus first Serbian Aeroplane, Motor car, and Machine Factory Kovačević & Co."

In spite of serious difficulties at the outset the first Aeroplane was constructed on the 5th March 1924. This date is of significance, not only for this the first home undertaking of its kind, but also for our country as it proves that we can show the expert knowledge, conscienciousness, the great care and patience