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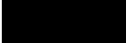
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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED] FOIA b3a FOIA b3e FOIA b3c FOIA b3d [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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30 June 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 5/6

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1. PERSONNEL SITUATION

(1) According to a decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Council (Military-Economic Report 1/6), special personnel of the River Fleet were exempt from military conscription. According to a decree of 2 June this also applies to all workers of the transport divisions of the NK for the River Fleet and sovkhoses for special personnel.

(2) 120 workers must be assigned to the shipbuilding and repair yard "Karl Marx" in Gorkij and 3000 persons to the Steamship Agency in Astrakhan for repair work. The last report dated 18 June originated shortly after the first attack by German battle planes on Astrakhan.

2) METAL SUPPLY

(3) Moscow had to reprimand numerous plants for not fulfilling their delivery obligation of scrap metal. The following had to be delivered among others:

Blagoveshchensk	89 tons
Krasnoyarsk	242
Kujbyshev	180
Omsk	240
Semipalatinsk	50

The amounts to be delivered did not move for six months. In Omsk and Semipalatinsk it is a question of the six month delivery delay, in Kujbyshev it is a question of a backlog. Krasnoyarsk may fall behind in its deliveries because of transport difficulties, since the above amount was already procured.

(4) The copper rolling mill in Tiflis, which employs 36 persons, produced 26 tons of copper products in the first ten days of June. On 10 June there were 156 tons of products which were not yet transported.

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The following requirements and authorizations were to be established:

IRON AND STEEL

I. Raw Material
Requirements

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(5)	Scrap Collection Point	89 tons	Scrap	Blagoveshchensk	Procured and to be delivered by 25 June
(6)	---	2 tons	Scrap	Erivan	In July according to plan
(7)	Scrap Collection Point	242 tons	Scrap	Krasnoyarsk	Procured and to be delivered by 25 June
(8)	---	180 tons	Scrap	Kujbyshev	To be delivered by 25 June
(9)	---	240 tons	Scrap	Omsk	Half-year delivery according to plan to be fulfilled by 25 June
(10)	---	50 tons	Scrap	Semipalatinsk	Half-year delivery according to plan to be fulfilled by 25 June
(11)	Tiflis, NK for Local Industry	7 tons	Steel	Moscow, Storehouse of the NK for Metal Sales	---
(12)	Tiflis, Storehouse of the NK for Metal Sales	11.5 tons	Steel	---	---

II. Half-finished Goods
Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(13)	Erivan "Sovpren"	18 tons	Sheet metal	---	To be received in first ten days of July
(14)	Molotov	20 tons	Sheet metal	Ilijsk	---
(15)	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	60 tons	Roofing sheet	Krasnovodsk	---
(16)	Tiflis, NK for Local Industry	8 tons	Sheet metal	Moscow, Storehouse of NK for Metal Sales	---
(17)	Tiflis, NK for Local Industry	5 tons	Hoop iron	---	----
(18)	Tiflis, NK for Metal Sales	6.5 tons	Sheet metal	---	---
(19)	Transcaucasian Railway Line	18 tons	Roofing sheet	---	Stored in Krasnovodsk Harbor

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3.) TIMBER SUPPLY

(20) The NKRF Offices in Surazhevka, Krasnoyarsk, Khabarovsk, Yakutsk, Blagoveshchensk, Ulan Ude and Kirensk are reminded to carry out under all conditions the transport of timber in accordance with the plan established for June.

(21) The following is established for timber procurement offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Amount to be procured</u>		<u>Amount to be transported</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>Lumber</u>	<u>Firewood</u>	<u>Lumber</u>	<u>Firewood</u>	
(Board meters)					
Gorodets	10000	9000	10000	9000	For 1943 according to plan
Raznezhe	25000	10000	25000	10000	"
Svenigovo	4000	1000	2000	5000	"
Orel (Moscow Oblast')	24000	10000	20000	10000	"
Ufa	2000	36000	5000	28000	"
Kujbyshev	1000	22000	1000	33000	"
Krasnoyarsk	17000	70000	25000	85000	"

The following authorizations were noted:

	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type of Wood</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(22)	Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	75000 cbm	Floated wood	Chief Directorate of Timber Supply, Omsk	For 2nd quarter
(23)	Oblast' Waterways Directorate, Irtysh	25000	Floated wood	"	"
(24)	West Siberian Steamship Agency	6000	Floated wood	Chief Directorate of Timber Supply, Barnaul	For shipbuilding
(25)	"	102000	Floated wood	Chief Directorate of Timber Supply, Novosibirsk	For 2nd quarter
(26)	Oblast' Directorate of Ob Waterways	4000	Floated wood	"	"
(27)	Shipyard in Tavda	28000	Floated wood	Chief Directorate of Timber Supply, Sverdlovsk	"
(28)	Baikal-Selenga Steamship Agency	6000	Firewood	---	In 2nd quarter
(29)	Khabarovsk	5000	Firewood	---	"
(30)	Ship Repair Yard, Saratov	1000	Sawn timber	---	---
(31)	Lower Volga Steamship Agency	400 216	Round timber Sawn timber	---	For the Reconstruction Directorate

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	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type of Wood</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(32)	Armenia	10000 cbm	Floated wood	---	Turnover in Astrakhan
<u>Georgia, Tiflis Mining</u>					
(33)	Tkvibuli	16 carloads	Mine long timber	Kujbyshev Mine Timber	
(34)	Kvesani	16	"	Georgian CD for Timber Supply	
(35)	Borshoni	5	"	"	
(36)	Tiflis	3	"	"	

4) TRANSPORT SITUATION

(37) The transport situation in the Caucasus seems to be comparatively satisfactory.

(38) The Transcaucasian Railway Line "Beriya" reports the shipment of 2783 carloads of imported goods in May as opposed to 1050 carloads in April.

(39) In May 149 cars were authorized and made available for the Iron Industry in Tiflis. However, only 127 cars have been used.

(40) Greater tobacco shipments are being carried out from and in Georgia. The CD for Tobacco in Tiflis requires 140 cars for transport in July. The remainder of tobacco for the north amounted to 1400 tons on 1 June. According to the July plan 220 cars have been established for the north. In addition, 300 cars are scheduled for military deliveries.

(41) The transport situation in the River Fleet is rather strained. The transport plans of the individual steamship agencies were not completely fulfilled in May and the first half of June. The fulfillment of the June plan is required by the end of June.

(42) In Omsk the Steamship Agency likewise only fulfilled in part the technical plan in May:

shipments	57%
unloadings	93
tow service	77
use of tractive power	85
tonnage-use	88

The result is still unfavorable in June. Severe punishments are threatened in the event the June plan is not fulfilled.

(43) 200 cars with coal arrived in Stalingrad. The coal is to be transported further

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by ship. However, there are no ships on land. The storage places are already overfilled. Additional shipments are arriving uninterruptedly.

(44) The following collection of ships was expected in Astrakhan:

To arrive 26 June	Akademik Pavlov Sheksna Vizantiya Zyrdarya Argentina Zosh Stepan Razin Shilka Akataj Anadyr Sundavik Rashila
To arrive 27 June	Aviostroj Viktoriya Kura Plant 20
To arrive 29 June	Krasnyj Shakhter Ves Maya (?) Ladoga Larin Laran

The captains are ordered to arrive in Astrakhan on time.

5) IDENTITY OF PLANTS

(45)	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	Plant #520	Novosibirsk	
	Motor Plant	Tyumen	
	Plant "Krasnyj Don"	Rostov/Don	
	Plant #34	Chelyabinsk	
	Plant #112	---	
	Plant #84	Tashkent	Under NK for Tank Industry Reported several times without location
	Plant #245	Chkalov	
	Plant "Avtosis"	Ulyanovsk	
	Plant "Avtosis"	Shadrinsk	
	Cloth Factory	Erivan	Located in Baku

6) CIVIL AIR FLEET

(46) The decree mentioned in Military-Economic Report 5/5 concerning reporting on members of the Civil Air Fleet who are linguists is repeated in a message of 17 May. This

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notice in connection with the appearance of "an international line" can, as already pointed out in Military-Economic Report 1/6, ensure greater cooperation with foreign organizations (Anglo-American). This supposition is probable in view of the fact that more and more frequent deliveries of foreign goods have been noted. For example, we observed 20 cases of cyclone-motors (USA ?) ready for shipment to the "Central Flight Camp of the Civil Air Fleet" (Kazan?) in Murmansk.

(47) The Civil Air Fleet participated very vigorously in the Second War Loan. There were subscriptions of 8 months' wages. One office subscribed 244.5% of its monthly wages. In many other places a full month's salary was subscribed. Very great value is attached to a speedy execution of the subscriptions.

(48) Units of the Civil Air Fleet are apparently suffering from a shortage of personnel. During the last period more and more messages were signed by women. For example, in Tashkent by Ragulina (30 May), in Baku by Moiseevka (31 May), in Stalingrad by Peskina (30 May).

(49) Very significant is the message concerning the placing of women training personnel with the 9th Flight Regiment and the 43rd Flight Squadron.

(50) At times a serious shortage of fuel is noticeable in the Civil Air Fleet. This can presumably be traced to difficulties in transportation or organization.

(51) The following units were recently identified:

Southwestern Group	first time mentioned	
Group Stukan	first time mentioned	
Enisej Flight Group	first time mentioned	Krasnoyarsk
Special Flight Division of the Z. L.	first time mentioned	
46th Flight Group	first time mentioned	Zabolotnaya (not located)
15th Squadron	first time mentioned	Petropavlovsk
43rd Squadron	first time mentioned	Women are being assigned as instructors
A Reserve Regiment	first time mentioned	

(52) Recently Confirmed

Group Pantelli in Tashkent
Special Western Flight Group
2nd Flight Regiment
Group Chankotadze address Field Post #10301.

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(53) The following training units were identified:

17th Training Squadron mentioned for the first time
"Uto" Training Division (?) in Sverdlovsk
Training squadrons in Baku mentioned for the first time. Awaiting confirmation.

(54) The following workshops and aviation repair bases were confirmed:

ARM 35
ARB 405 in Alma Ata

Additional Identifications

(55) Chief of the Health Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet in Moscow is Kolarov. It consists of a separate line, Tashkent-Turkestan-Dzhusaly-Chelkar-Aktyubinsk, which is subordinate to the Uzbek Directorate.

(56) The sending of passengers from Novosibirsk to Moscow via Sverdlovsk is to be discontinued, since a great deal of freight which must be urgently transported has piled up.

(57) The medicine urgently needed for the Volkhov Front is to be sent to Tikhvin by plane.