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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 1943FORAGO-three 5Otago reports have been translated and issued by

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and a solutions backward, but omitting those already translated by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, 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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22 March 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

More Important Reports

- (1) A Georgian Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet, headquarters in Tiflis, was mentioned for the first time in a message of 20 March.
- (2) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, Repair Brigades and Technical Brigades appear for the first time.
- (3) An enciphered message of 15 March from Kazan to Tashkent confirmed the Night Squadron (see Daily Report 6 March). Location is probably Tashkent.
- (4) In a message of 19 March from Alma Ata to Moscow a 9th NKVD Flight Squadron was mentioned. The location can be presumed to be at Alma Ata. NKVD Flight Squadrons appear thus for the first time in the radio traffic of the Civil Air Fleet.
- (5) A Group Raskazov appeared for the first time in a message of 19 March from Kazan (?) to Moscow (?).
- (6) During the 1943 navigation period the Irtysh Steamship Agency has to transport 20,000 tons of bread grain from Kyshtovsk Rajon.
- (7) For the reconstruction of Stalingrad, 1,144,000 rubles were expended in Stepanavan Rajon in the period from 23 February to 15 March.
- (8) In Erevan a Plant 447 is to be erected. 300 cars will be required in May for transportation of materials to the city, including:

for cement

50 cars

for timber

30 cars

Personnel Situation

(9) A trade school of the NKRF is located at the Mackovsk Plants in Novosibirsk.

Food Situation

- (10) Stalingrad NKRF will receive from the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry 2 tons of butter.
 - (11) Chardzhou NKRF is to receive 188 kilograms of dog food.
- (12) The following NKRF offices will receive for March the allocations stated below of fodder for horses, which are engaged in timber procurement:

Place	Type of Allocation	Amount	Supplier
Chardzhou	Fodder grain	1 ton	Ashkhabad
	Fodder grain	1 ton	Stalinabad
	Fodder grain	2 tons	Tashkent
Semipalatinsk	Fodder grain	3 tons	Alma Ata
	Chaff	1 ton	Alma Ata
O msk	Fodder grain	2 tons	Sverdlovsk
	Chaff	1 ton	Sverdlovsk
Barnaul	Fodder grain	3 tons	Barnaul
	Chaff	1 ton	Barnaul
Novosibirsk	Fodder grain	3 tons	Barnaul
	Fodder grain	4 tons	Novosibirsk
	Chaff	1 ton	Barnaul
	Chaff	1 ton	Barnaul
I rkutsk	Fodder grain	17 tons	Ir ku t sk
	Chaff	1 ton	Irkutsk

Metal and Metal Products Supply

Tiflis.

(13) The CD for Canning in Moscow reported the following surpluses of ferrous metals:

Sheet iron	0.6	tons
Rolled sheet iron	1.4	n
Assorted iron	0.6	n
Seamless wire	1.3	11

- (14) The copper industry reports to the NK for Non-ferrous Metallurgy in Moscow that on 13 March 5 tons of copper products, and since the beginning of the month 34 tons of copper products have been manufactured. The balance of undelivered copper products is 82 tons.
- (15) The Ferro-Plant in Zestafoni reports that on 12-14 March the following amounts were delivered:

Camp 220 in Chelyabinsk 943 tons carbon steel
Camp 810 in Moscow 943 tons steel in March

- (16) Tkvarcheli Coal Industry reports that on 14 March, 18 tons of scrap iron and in the first quarter, 30 tons of scrap iron were shipped.
- (17) Astrakhan NKRF received an order to deliver to the Ural River Fleet 2,000 meters of galvanized chain.

Oil Supply

Tiflis.

(18) The CD of the Azerbajdzhan Black Sea Fish Industry required in March additionally:

Diesel oil	3	tons
Gasoline	3	tons
Petroleum	2	tons

(19) Ordzhonikidze.

The Construction Directorate requires the following fuel:

	Yearly Requirement	Requirement in 2nd Quarter
Mazut	400 tons	150 tons
Petroleum	10 tons	4 tons
Gasoline	18 tons	6 tons
Oil	70 tons	25 tons

Production

- (20) The NKRF Plant "Dzerzhinskij" in Molotov is in arrears with the completion of designs for spare parts.
- (21) Chkalovsk NKRF is to deliver to the Water Transport Base in Uglich direct current motors of 220 volts with an output of 8-20 kilowatts.

23 March 1943

More Important Reports

(22) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet the following message of 20 March from Kazan to Moscow was transmitted:

"To the CD for Supply, Kuznetsov.

According to Order Number 320 of the Second Department, goods for Kujbyshev are destined for the Moscow Directorate . . . Belyaev desires shipment to Dzhuzaly.

Radio advice immediately.

Shatrov."

One can gather from this message that a part of the CD in Moscow has its location in Kujbyshev.

- (23) In a message from Alma Ata to Moscow on 20 March a Pashchenskaya Training Squadron was noted in communication with the Uzbek Directorate (see Daily Report 18 February).
- (24) The Labor Office in Erevan reported on 15 March the following distribution of trainees who have completed their education:

Total number of trainees

1302 men

To Plant(?):	Number of Students
Number 4	27 men
7	88
8	293
13	33
16	4
18	150
21	75
23	52
NK for Light Industry	29
NK for Agriculture	4
NK for the Textile Industry	183
NK for Local Industry	91
To workshops	45
To the Army	26
NK for Meat and Dairy Industry	15
Electric Streetcar Plant in Erevan	48
Erevan City Soviet	15
Departed for their own rajons	42
Called into the Army	36
Sentenced	1
Not accomodated	4
Called into the Army until final exa	
Removed for various reasons	63

Chemical Supply

- (25) Tiflis. The Georgian NK for Light Industry reports that no extract exists in Dzhulfa and in Tabriz. The Leather Factory has completely suspended the production of stiff leather.
- (26) Erevan. The Rubber Industry reports that the shipment of 15 tons of carbine oil from Plant "Sovpren" in Erevan in the month of March is held up through the lack of acetone. The immediate shipment of 20 tons of acetone is requested, since no acetone can be found in the Transcaucasus.

- (27) The Armenian NK for Light Industry reports that the insufficient production of "monochrome" can be explained by the delivery of only 40% of the monthly requirement of soda.
- (28) The Chemical Plant in Kirovakan shipped on 20 March 1 carload of carbide to Plant 83 in Khabarovsk.
- (29) Batumi. CD for Technical Oil Supply reports that on 1 March there was no usable balance of acid.

Balance:

Rubber	7 tons
Indicator matter	1.3 tons
Balance on 12 March:	:
Rubber	15 tons
Indicator matter	1.8 tons

A usable balance of acid did not exist.

(30) Stavropol. Oblast' Veterinary Supply requires from the NK for Agriculture in Moscow, by airplane, the following medical supplies:

Iodine	8	kilograms
Potassium iodide	10	11
Camphor	5	Ħ
Caffeine	5	n
Tripanflavin	5	n
Tuberculin	10	tt
Peptone	5	п
Malein	15	11
Syringes 10-20 grams	150	11
Needles	1080	11
Additional creolin	3000	tons
for April		

Clothing Situation

Tiflis.

- (31) The Georgian NK for Light Industry has two carloads of shoes to be shipped in the month of April. One carload of this goes to Voroshilovsk and one carload to Ordzhonikidze.
- (32) The Georgian NK for Ferrous Metallurgy reports that the knitted goods yearly stock amounts to 1,500,000 rubles.

(33) The Georgian CD for Textile Supply and Sales reports the following shipments of silk as of 15 March:

Consignee	Amount		
Kabardino-Balkar ASSR		236	meters
Chechen-Ingush ASSR		235	11
Dagestan ASSR		303	11
Azerbajdzhan		916	11
Georgia		10317	11
Armenia		2115	n
Export		1628	11
(of this 951 meters remain from the 4th quarter)			
NK for the Aviation Industry		1744	n
	Total	17494	meters

(34) The Main Office for Labor Reserves requires from the CD for Light Industry Sales and from the CD for Labor Reserves in Moscow the following consignment:

Half furs	20,000	
Gloves	128,000	pairs
Stockings	18,000	

- (35) The CD for Wool Sales in Erevan requires 53 cars for the shipment of wool on the Transcaucasus Railway.
- (36) The Industrial Cooperative of Stavropol Oblast' will receive the following material allocations:

Cotton goods 37,000 meters
Bandages 5,000 "
Rags 20 tons
Yarn 0.4 ton

(37) The Plant "Krasnyj Oktyabr" in Spaz-Klebiki will receive:

Wadding

5 tons

Furthermore, from Makhach-Kala:

Chrome leather

10,000 meters

and from Tiflis:

Stiff leather

2 tons