

Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

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Chief, Manufacturing Sectors Branch, D/I

Monthly Report for May 1958.

1. Accomplishments.

A. Branch Projects Submitted -- None

B. Status of Projects --

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30.1535 -- Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China. and I have both worked on this project in order to simplify much of the unnecessarily complex prose, improve its organization, and take care of some of the substantive problems such as internal contradictions. The edited draft is to be retyped and ready for review upon my return from Europe. Additional substantive changes in the report will probably be necessary.

30.2043 -- Capital Investment in the Producers' Equipment Industry in Communist China. The first draft of this report is underway. It is probable that it will be submitted for branch review in July.

32.488 -- Industrial Investment Policy in East Germany. Valuable new data have been received from covert sources over the past several weeks. The data cover gross investment (including capital repairs) and they give a more detailed breakdown by industrial branch than was available previously. New problems of interpretation have arisen, however, since the new gross investment series shows trends which deviate, in some instances, from the "state" investment series which we have developed from open sources. The two series cannot be reconciled on the basis of our present knowledge of the East German investment accounting system.

A new draft of the report, incorporating the new data, is being prepared and will be completed in July.

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34.894 -- The Determination of Cost and Price in Soviet Machine Building. recent assignment, has had to assume responsibility for coordinating I/PE's and I/MB's main contribution to the Soviet NIE. His report, which previously appeared certain of completion this month, will not be completed until the middle of July.

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34.1928 -- European Trade in Machinery and Transport Equipment, 1950-57.

I have completed my review of this project and my comments and suggestions are now being typed. I believe that this report pulls together the bulk of the information on the machinery trade patterns of the European Satellites. The basic research has been thorough and the over-all evaluation and analysis good. It is in essential agreement with the recently published ECE report on Eastern European trade. There are numerous areas in which the organization can be improved and the writing and presentation clarified. In addition, there are numerous statements in the report that should be omitted, modified, or further developed.

34.1930 -- Foundry Production - A Major Bottleneck in Soviet Machine Building. Only limited progress has been made since the last monthly report. In early May, [REDACTED] wrote the contribution to the Soviet NIE concerned with the preliminary evaluation of the reorganization of Soviet industry. More recently he has been also preparing for his forthcoming temporary translating assignment.

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C. Other Contributions Submitted --

12 May -- Contribution to ORR Project No. 10.2029, Index of USSR Agricultural Machinery Production.

19 May -- Partial contribution to Soviet NIE, ORR Project No. 10.1306, discussed industrial reorganization as it affects machine building and light industries.

27 May -- Contribution to ORR Project No. 10.2029, Index of Soviet Machine Tool Production.

D. Other --

1 May -- Comments on the proposed Classed Guide of Russian Accessions - Library of Congress.

13 May -- JPRS evaluation.

2. Training.

[REDACTED] leading Seminars in French and Russian.

[REDACTED] is the Russian Economic Reading course.

[REDACTED] attends the Hungarian Area Study.

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3. Trips.

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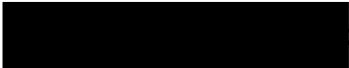
4. Administration.

5 May -- Manufacturing Sectors Branch Reading Requirements.

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