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1. At the Chemische Werke Buna-Schkopau, repairs to the power plant were finished about the middle of August and the power supply again became adequate. More men are being taken on because two new shops have been added in the northern part of the works. The number of employees will be raised from the present 18,140 to 19,200.
2. The new shops will produce chiefly heat-resistant fibrous materials. Production cannot begin for about two months because nozzle pipes are lacking. These cannot be manufactured in the Soviet Zone because the equipment has mostly been dismantled. There is also a lack of necessary metals: platinum, rhodium, nickel and vanadium, according to report. The new materials to be produced are said to be Soviet developments of silicon compounds, which already have been tested. However, difficulties exist over materials, mainly from a shortage of aluminium oxide.
3. Carbide production is continually coming up against difficulties because not enough pure counter-electrodes are provided. For the present, however, these difficulties are overcome.

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