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Neues DeutschlandEAST GERMAN AWARDS AND HONORARY TITLES IN 1955

[Comment: In 1955, the East German government conferred awards and honorary titles to "outstanding" persons in East Germany, as well as to some individuals in other countries.

A detailed description of the background of the awards and titles is given in FDD Summary No 120 of 18 November 1953, and awards and titles conferred by the East German government in 1954 are listed in 00-W-31441.

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NATIONAL PRIZE WINNERS

The National Prizes of the German Democratic Republic [GDR], which were awarded for the sixth time in 1955, are divided into classes I, II, and III. Each class is further divided into two categories: art and literature, and science and technology. As in previous years, the cash awards given in 1955 were 100,000 DM for Class I, 50,000 DM for Class II, and 25,000 DM for Class III. The National Prizes were awarded to 30 outstanding German scientists, technicians, artists, and authors as well as to six collectives in 1955.

National Prize Class I for Art and Literature

Leonhard Frank [P-69194], author, Munich [West Germany]; for his entire humanistic, literary works which occupy an important place in the new German prose.

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National Prize Class I for Science and Technology

Prof Dr Gustav Hertz [P-69195], regular member of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin; regular member of the German Leopoldina Academy of Natural Scientists in Halle; member of the Academy of Sciences in Goettingen (West Germany); professor and director of the Physics Institute at Karl-Marx-University, Leipzig; for his outstanding work in the field of atomic and quantum physics.

Prof Dr Max Volmer [P-69196], Outstanding Scientist of the People, Potsdam-Babelsberg; for his outstanding work in the fields of chemical kinetics and photochemistry.

Collective Prize -- SDAG Wismut [Soviet-German Wismut Uranium Mining Corporation]: Johann Kolm [P-69197], brigade foreman, Antonshoebe; Walter Mank [P-69198], brigade foreman, Annaberg-Buchholz II; Heinz Langer [P-69199], mine foreman, Baerenstein; Otto Kuhnert [P-69200], head of work shift, Waldheim; Heinz Kootz [P-71501], head of work shift, Schwarzenberg; Anton Wagner [P-71502], head of work shift, Schwarzenberg; Christoph Krauss [P-71503], head of work shift, Rittersgruen; Hans-Joachim Matulke [P-71504], head of work shift, Annaberg-Buchholz II; Manfred Heidl [P-71505], head of work shift, Wolkenstein; Martin Thalheim [P-71506], head of work shift, Annaberg-Buchholz II; for their exemplary achievements in the rapid extension of mine workings.

National Prize Class II for Art and Literature

Prof Dr Ludwig Renn [P-71507], regular member of the German Academy of Arts, author, Berlin; for his book Trini and his literary lifework.

Prof Rudolf Wagner-Regeny [P-71508], regular member of the German Academy of Arts, professor at the Advanced School of Music (Musikhochschule), Berlin, composer, Berlin; for his compositions and his contribution to the training of young artists.

Collective Prize: Slatan Dudow [P-71509], National Prize winner, director, Berlin; Kurt Stern [P-71510], National Prize winner, author, Berlin; Jeanne Stern [P-71511], National Prize winner, authoress; Wilhelm Koch-Hooge [P-71512], actor; for their work on the motion picture "Staerker als die Nacht" (Stronger Than the Night), a significant document of the heroic antifascist resistance of the German working class.

National Prize Class II for Science and Technology

Prof Dr Ernst Bloch [P-71513], regular member of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin, professor of philosophy and director of the Institute for Philosophy at the Karl-Marx-University, Leipzig; for his recent philosophical works which combine a penetrating analysis and interpretation of the world with a progressive outlook.

Prof Dr Reinhard Buchwald [P-71514], professor of German cultural history and literature in Heidelberg [West Germany]; for his outstanding work in the field of Schiller research.

Collective Prize: Dr Herbert Kortum [P-71515], chief developer at the VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena; Dr Wilhelm Kaemmerer [P-71516], assistant developer at the VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena; for the short-term development and construction of a relay-system dual computer, which makes possible the most difficult calculating operations in determining optical systems.

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Dr Kurt Meyer [P-71517], doctor of engineering, Meritorious Inventor, chief of emulsion technology at the VEB Agfa Wolfen Film Factory, member of the Scientific-Technical Council of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, Wolfen, Kreis Bitterfeld; for his scientific investigations of photographic emulsions and his successful development work to produce highly sensitive color film.

Prof Dr Wolfgang Rosenthal [P-71518], professor of dentistry and jaw surgery, director of the maxilla clinic at the Humboldt University, Berlin; for his pioneer work in the field of jaw surgery in Germany.

Prof Dr Leo Stern [P-71519], regular member of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin, rector of the University of Halle-Wittenberg, director of the Institute for German History, Halle/Saale; for his outstanding scientific work in the field of German history, particularly of the history of the German workers' movement, which contributed essentially toward imparting a Marxist-Leninist view of history.

Prof Dr Erwin Stresemann [P-71520], deputy director of the Museum of Natural Science and director of its ornithological department in Berlin-Charlottenburg, member of the Academy of Sciences in Berlin-Charlottenburg; for his excellent work in the field of ornithology as an internationally renowned German ornithologist.

Collective Prize: Prof Dr Otto Rosenkranz [P-71521], regular member of the German Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Berlin, director of the Permanent Commission for LPGs [Agricultural Producer Cooperatives] of this Academy, director of the Gundorf Research Center for Agricultural Work of this academy, director of the Institute for Agricultural Economics as well as acting director of the Institute for Agricultural Machinery of Karl-Marx-University in Leipzig, Boehlitz-Ehrenberg; Kurt Vieweg [P-71522], regular member of the German Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Berlin, secretary of the Section for Agricultural Economics of this academy, director of the Institute for Agricultural Economics of this academy, Berlin-Treptow; for their three-volume Handbook for the Cooperative Farmer, in which all political, economic, and technical production problems of the LPG are dealt with, and which, for the first time in this comprehensive form, shows all cooperative farmers as well as independent farmers the way to increase agricultural yields.

Prof Dr Friedrich Weller [P-71523], member of the Sachsen Academy of Sciences in Leipzig, member of the German Oriental Society, member of the German Society for Ethnology of East Asia, member of the American Oriental Society, member of the Near East-Egypt Society, professor of Indian philology and director of the Indian Institute of the University of Leipzig; for his comprehensive research work on India, China, and Tibet, particularly for his detailed investigation of the Buddhist scriptures.

Collective Prize: Jakob Nader [P-71524], engineer, Meritorious Activist, four-time Activist, manager at the VEB "Henry Pels" Heavy Machine Building Plant in Erfurt; Paul Herold [P-71525], Meritorious Inventor, five-time Activist, chief designer at the VEB "Henry Pels" Heavy Machine Building Plant in Erfurt; Siegfried Alberts [P-71526], engineer, Meritorious Technician of the People, four-time Activist, developmental designer at the VEB "Henry Pels" Heavy Machine Building Plant in Erfurt; for their share in the creation of numerous modern designs of the VEB "Henry Pels", particularly for the development and construction of a triple-action four-point deep-drawing press with a working pressure of 1,600 tons and a drawing depth of 450 millimeters.

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National Prize Class III for Art and Literature

Alexander Abusch [P-71527], regular member of the German Academy of Arts in Berlin, Deputy Minister of Culture, author, Berlin; for his progressive literary works, especially for his book Schiller, the Greatness and Tragedy of a German Genius.

Prof Johann Cilensek [P-71528], professor at the Advanced School for Music in Weimar, composer, Erfurt; for his Violin Concerto and his First Symphony.

Prof Johannes-Ernst Koehler [P-71529], professor at the Advanced School for Music and church music director in Weimar; for his significant artistic achievements in the field of organ music.

Prof Max Lingner [P-71530], National Prize winner, regular member of the German Academy of Arts in Berlin, painter and engraver; for his painting "The Great German Peasants' War."

Hans Marchwitza [P-71531], National Prize winner, member of the presidium of the Writers Association, author, Potsdam; for his book Pig Iron, which artistically depicts the organized force of the working class in building the bases of socialism in the GDR.

Erwin Strittmatter [P-71532], author, dramatist, Berlin; for his book Tinko, which artistically portrays life in agricultural areas after the land reform.

Prof Maxim Vallentin [P-71533], manager of the Maxim-Gorki-Theater in Berlin; for his achievements in the treatment of new, progressive, artistic, scientific knowledge in the field of representative art.

National Prize Class III for Science and Technology

Prof Dr Hans Falkenhagen [P-71534], professor of theoretical physics at the University of Rostock; for his outstanding work in the field of electrolyte research, which is of great importance for electrochemistry.

Dr Karl Foerster [P-71535], plant cultivator, Bornim near Potsdam; for his special achievements in cultivating bushes and flowers, particularly for his outstanding garden architecture.

Prof Dr Arnold Graffi [P-71536], professor of experimental pathology at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Berlin-Buch; for his outstanding scientific achievements in the field of experimental cancer research.

Prof Dr Gunther Kohlmeier [no photograph available], director of the Institute of Economics of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin; for his works on the democratic world market, in which the forms and methods of cooperation among the countries of the peace camp are theoretically and systematically portrayed.

Prof Dr Heinz Kress [no photograph available], director of the Guestrow-Guelzow Research Center for Agrarian Biology and Plant Cultivation of the German Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Berlin, Guelzow, Kreis Guestrow; for his achievements in fodder-crop cultivation, which have led to a considerable production increase in the Bezirke of Land Mecklenburg.

Prof Dr Wolfgang Langenbeck [P-71537], regular member of the Sachsen Academy of Sciences in Leipzig, regular member of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin, director of the Institute for Catalysis Research in Rostock of the latter academy; member of the German Leopoldina Academy of Natural Scientists

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in Halle, professor of organic chemistry at Martin-Luther-University in Halle-Wittenberg, Halle/Saale and Rostock; for his basic scientific research on the structure and effect of catalysts in organic synthesis, especially in the field of biology and the construction of simple fermentation equipment for the study of the effectiveness of natural biological catalysis.

Prof Dr Hans Mayer [no photograph available], professor of history of national literatures and director of the Department for the History of National Literatures at the Germanic Institute, Leipzig Cl; for his literary works which constitute an essential contribution to a new German history of literature.

Prof Albert Richter [P-71538], doctor of engineering, regular member of the German Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Berlin; director of the Eberswalde Institute for Forestry of this academy; director of the Institute for Forestry Surveys of the Forestry Faculty of Humboldt-University, Eberswalde; for the creation of a new scientifically founded method of making forestry surveys, which makes possible a detailed analysis of the wood reserves of the forestry districts and enterprises.

Prof Dr Guenther Riénaecker [P-71539], regular member of the German Academy of Sciences in Berlin; professor of inorganic chemistry at Humboldt-University, Berlin; director of the Institute for Catalysis Research, Berlin N4; for research on the scientific background of heterogeneous catalysis and the systematic determination of physico-chemical constants for the reproducible production of technical catalysts which have an optimum activity.

Walter Schlosser [P-71540], member of the Berreuth LPG, Kreis Dippoldiswalde, Bezirk Dresden; for his achievements in the field of cattle breeding, particularly for his contribution toward increasing the milk yield of every cow in the community of Berreuth to over 4,000 kilograms.

Dr Robert Thren [P-71541], director of the VEB Dresden Pharmaceutical Plant, Radebeul 1; for his achievements in the field of pharmaceuticals, particularly for his research work which is of great significance for the production of antibiotics in the GDR.

Collective Prize -- "Manfred von Brauchitsch" Brigade of the MTS Schoenebeck-Nord, Bezirk Magdeburg: Ernst Volk [P-71542], brigade foreman; Rolf Krueger [P-71543], agronomist; Brigitte Nickel [P-71544], tractor operator; and Helmut Samm [P-71544], tractor operator; for their exemplary initiative in increasing the yields through outstanding tractor work and in reducing the production costs per 100 kilograms. (1)

HEROES OF LABOR

The title Hero of Labor was awarded to the following 15 persons in 1955 (this award, first instituted in 1950, includes a certificate and a cash prize of 10,000 DM):

Gerhard Bode, chairman of the "Wilhelm Pieck" LPG, Weissenschirmbach.

Heinz Ganswig, foreman of cutters' brigade at SDAG Wismut.

Friedel Guette [P-71559], plant director at the VEB "Einheit" Pyrite Mine, Elbingerode/Harz.

Herbert Heider [P-71560], department chief and chief engineer in charge of motor vehicles at the VEB (K [Kreis-administered]) Transportation Enterprises of the city of Dresden.

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Paul Herrmann, technical director at the VEB Zweenfurth Artificial Leather and Oilcloth Factory, Borsdorf, Bezirk Leipzig.

Fritz Kneifel, lathe operator for crankshafts at the VEB "Heinrich Rau" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Wildau.

Ernst Kriesche, combine operator at MTS "Ernst Putz," Zuchau, Bezirk Magdeburg.

Walter Kurze, foreman of cutters' brigade at SDAG Wismut.

Hans Oppe, kiln foreman at the VEB Cement Works in Nienburg.

Erich Plickert, tractor operator at the MTS Wesenberg, Bezirk Neubrandenburg.

Max Pommer, forger at SDAG Wismut.

Gerd Schulte, captain [of a fishing vessel or fleet] at the VEB Rostock Fishing Combine.

Paul Strauss, foreman of a mixed brigade at the VEB Rostock Construction Enterprise.

Erich Unger, carpenter at SDAG Wismut.

Willy Wenzel (P-71561), manager at the Experimental Institute for Welding Technology in Wittenberge. (2)

MERITORIOUS PHYSICIANS OF THE PEOPLE

In 1955, the following 12 leading doctors in polyclinics, hospitals, health offices, and private practice received the honorary title Meritorious Physician of the People (the award consists of a certificate, a medal, and a cash prize):

Dr. Marta Krusch, Schlossvippach

Prof. Dr. Harry Braun, Magdeburg

Dr. Karl Brozowski [Stadtroda?]

Prof. Dr. Erich Drechsler, Stadtroda

Prof. Dr. Hans Gummel, Berlin-Buch

Dr. Walter Hoenn, Roemhild

Dr. Marthin Wenzke, Cottbus

Dr. Arnulf Veith, Dresden

Dr. Hermann Spencker, Quedlinburg

Prof. Dr. Hanns Schwarz, Greifswald

Dr. Karl-Friedrich Schlueter, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Alexander Mette, Berlin (3)

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MERITORIOUS TECHNICIANS OF THE PEOPLE

The honorary title Meritorious Technician of the People was conferred on the following 37 members of the technical intelligentsia in 1955:

Siegfried Bartsch, chief designer at the VEB for Steel Sheet Construction, Berlin-Adlershof, for the development, design, and production of vehicles.

Dr Richard Birthler, plant manager at the VEB "Otto Grotewohl" Combine, Boehlen, for the development of a new process to produce high-grade fuel.

Dr Friedrich Buddeberg, plant manager at the VEB Wolfen Dye Factory, for the reconstruction of a gypsum-sulfuric acid installation, which aided in making possible a permanent improvement in the technical-economic index figures.

Carl Cordes, chief engineer, department chief at the VEB for Turbines and Generators, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, for the creation of technical-scientific bases for the construction of large-capacity turbogenerators.

Dr Harald Costa, chief of the pyrometric department at the Institute for Applied Silicate Research, Jena, for outstanding achievements in the field of automation in the glass and cement industry.

Johannes Drechsler, group chief in the rotary furnace department at the VEB "Ernst Thaelmann" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Magdeburg, for the development of a large rotary cement furnace with a daily capacity of 1,200 tons.

Dr Hans Eckstein, chief technologist at the VEB "Wilhelm Pieck" Mansfeld Metallurgical Combine, for the development of a simple, inexpensive process for the production of copper with no oxygen content and for the development of a new process to recover selenium.

Helmut Engelmann, doctor of engineering, chief of the penicillin department at the VEB Dresden Pharmaceutical Plant, for the development by means of new processes of 11 special penicillin preparations up to the production stage, which enabled the production of penicillin to be increased sevenfold over that of 1952.

Valentin Ferner, research engineer at the VEB Regulating Equipment Plant, Teltow, for the development of a new type of all-pneumatic, analogue computer circuit, which is greatly superior to the present status of regulating techniques.

Christian Fries, design engineer at the VEB "Karl Liebknecht" Heavy Machine Building, Magdeburg, for the reconstruction and repair of four large diesel ship motors.

Gerhard Gertz, technical director at the Central Institute for Foundry Technology, for the development of a cylinder-casting technology for large compressors, which was of decisive importance in reducing rejects.

August Graebing, department chief at the VEB Project Planning and Designing Office for Coal, Berlin-Weissensee, for reducing the number of models of equipment in the mining industry and for increasing the utilization in open-pit mining.

Wilhelm Heck, graduate engineer, plant director at the VEB "Karl Liebknecht" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Magdeburg, for innovations in the process of extracting sugar from sugar beets.

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Joachim Hoffmann, graduate engineer, chief of the electric power shop at the VEB Chemical Works, Buna, for the development of an improved cleaning process for steam converters and for eliminating the silicification of turbines.

Kurt Junghans, chief engineer at the VEB Steel and Chill Casting Plant, Boesdorf/Elster, for his research work in the servicing of used parts, which made the coal industry completely independent of West German high-grade deliveries, and for the development of special steels which aided in the conservation of materials.

Dr Wilhelm Kiby, chief of the computing department at the VEB for Turbines and Generators, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, for the execution of complex stress and vibration calculations, and for aiding in the development of large standard turbines.

Franz Kollaritsch, graduate engineer, technical director at the VEB for Steam Generators, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, for the design of large boilers for large-scale plants.

Hans Langer, graduate engineer, plant director at the VEB "Phaenomen" Motor Vehicle Works, Zittau, for a decisive role in the development of an air-cooled diesel engine for motor vehicles.

Ernst Laue, deputy department chief for plant installations at the VEB "Ernst Thaelmann" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Magdeburg, for his work on the development of a continuous, high-capacity rolling mill train for light sections.

Dr Carl-Friedrich Linstroem, technical director in the Main Administration for Heavy Chemicals, for his extensive influence on the development of heavy chemicals enterprises, and for his contribution to the industrial production of granulated superphosphates.

Prof Karl Luedemann, doctor of engineering, professor emeritus at the Freiberg Mining Academy, for his research on the precision instruments industry and for his teaching work in the field of design, construction, and use of precision measuring instruments.

Ewald Marzotko, graduate engineer, chief engineer at the VEB Melting Plant and Rolling Mill, Merseburg, for his outstanding contribution to the development of the production of aluminum foil, the quality of which corresponds to that produced in foreign countries.

Curt Melzer, technical director at the VEB for Materials-Testing Machinery, Leipzig, for the design of new types of testing machines.

Dr Richard Piwonka, chief of the production department at the VEB V. H. yden Chemical Factory, Radebeul/Dresden, for achievements in the production and further development of X-ray plates and fluoroscopes, particularly for the development of supersensitive plates.

Dr Ludwig Prigge, plant director at the VEB German Hydrogenation Works, Rodleben, for his achievements in the production of fat alcohols and for his contributions toward increasing production in the soap and margarine industry.

Hans-Guenther Rassmann, doctor of engineering, deputy director of the Research Institute for Special Metallic Materials, Dresden, for the development of a new technology which has improved the magnetic quality of ferromagnetic alloys and which has made the GDR independent of foreign countries in the field of special physical materials.

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Hermann Reuther, chief engineer, department chief at the VEB "Karl Liebknecht" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Magdeburg, for his part in the development and design of equipment for the cellulose industry.

Dr Kurt Richter, chief of the plant laboratories at the VEB Telecommunications Equipment Plant, Berlin-Oberschoeneuweide, for improving the technology of producing electron tubes.

Max Rueffle, graduate engineer, president of the Office for Inventions and Patents, for the development of an efficient testing method to improve the quality of industrial products.

Prof Horst Siemens, doctor of engineering, acting dean (Prodekan) at the Dresden Technical College, Faculty for Engineering Economics, for his achievements in the development of free-piston engine compressors.

Karl Schabert, research engineer at the VEB "Ernst Thaelmann" Heavy Machine Building Plant, Magdeburg, for the development and design of a 500-ton gantry crane.

Dr Alfred Schiller, technical director at the VEB Telecommunications Equipment Plant, Berlin-Oberschoeneuweide, for special achievements in increasing the quality of and in standardizing electron tubes.

Johannes Thieme, graduate engineer, chief of the electric power department at the VEB Buna Chemical Works, for special achievements in the utilization of electric power reserves to guarantee the production of carbides.

Max Timmermann, graduate engineer, plant manager at the VEB Hettstedt Nonferrous Metals Rolling Mill, for the development of a new process to produce wire from nickel alloys; and for his work in making possible the production of precision steel sections for the office machine industry, which made the GDR independent of West Germany in this field.

Leo Ullperger, deputy department chief and technologist at the VEB Brandenburg/Havel Steel and Rolling Mill, for the improvement of furnace construction through the development of a new type of checker chamber for the Siemens-Martin furnace, which increased the capacity of the latter.

Karlheinz Wenke, chief designer at the VEB Gotha Sheet-Working Machinery Plant, for his role in the creation of 50 new designs in the field of plate-straightening machines, plate-bending machines, and pipe-bending machines.

Wilhelm Woelfel, graduate engineer, technical director at the VEB Weimar Dam Construction and Hydroelectric Power Installations Enterprise, for his outstanding work in practical and technical developments for the prefabricated construction method (Montagebauweise). (4)

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MERITORIOUS TEACHERS OF THE PEOPLE

The honorary title Meritorious Teacher of the People was awarded to the following 32 teachers in 1955 (the award consists of a certificate and a medal):

Paul Schindler, adviser at the Weisswasser Secondary School

Johannes Senkpiel, director of the Rochow School in Brandenburg/Havel

Hertha Richter, head of the children's day nursery at the Potsdam Transit Enterprise

Charlotte Harder, teacher at the consolidated rural school in Sievershagen

Dr Hans Grandi, music teacher at the Kaethe-Kollwitz Secondary School in Berlin

Kurt Dittrich, music teacher at the Goethe School in Gardelegen

Paul Roscher, director of the "Adolf Hennecke" Youth Training Center in Muecheln

Susanne Zappe, director of the Institute for Teacher Training in Leipzig

Hans Rettke, main-desk chief on the Pedagogic Council of Bezirk Schwerin

Hermann Mueller, director of the Pestalozzi School in Doebeln

Margarete Arnhold, teacher at the Grete-Unrein Secondary School in Jena

Heinz Lehmann, director of the Ernst-Schneller School in Dresden

Rudi Kerstan, director of the Friedrich-Engels Elementary School in Spremberg-Slaven

Kurt Tilsner, member of the German Central Pedagogic Institute

Helmut Schleicher, director of the Gerstungen Secondary School

Friedrich Raeffler, director of the Berlin School for the Deaf

Eberhard Huettner, head of the "Free Greece" Heimkombinat (home combine)

Heinz Bernhard, director of the Martin-Andersen-Mexoe Secondary School in Dresden

Frieda Franczik, director of Elementary School I in Berlin-Mitte

Heinz Helmholtz, head of the Commercial School in Magdeburg

Heinz Mueller, head of the General Vocational School in Lehnin, Landkreis Brandenburg

Gerhard Kiessling, head of the plant vocational school at the "Einheit" RAW [Reichsbahn Repair Yard] in Leipzig

Siegfried Greese, head of the Agricultural Vocational School in Ferdinandshof, Kreis Ueckermuende

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Kurt Koerber, head of the Vocational School for Agriculture and Horticulture in Berlin-Weissensee

Hans Heinz Paetzold, head of the Vocational School for Iron-Ore Mining in Unterwellenborn

Alfred Kirsten, head of the Vocational Trade School II for Metals in Leipzig

Prof Dr Robert Alt, director of the Institute for Systematic Pedagogy and History of Pedagogy at the Humboldt University in Berlin

Dr Annemarie Harig, director of studies for natural sciences at the Workers and Farmers Faculty of Karl-Marx-University in Leipzig

Elisabeth Vostehn, director of the Special School for Medicine in Leipzig

Erwin Koenig, director of the Special School for Finance Economics in Gotha

Karl Hackel, director of the Special School for Construction in Greiz

Dr Karl Krueger, doctor of engineering, director of the Special School for Heavy Machine Building in Leipzig (5)

OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS OF THE PEOPLE

The honorary title Outstanding Scientist of the People was awarded to the following three scientists in 1955:

Prof Dr Fritz Stather, head of the German Leather Institute, for his scientific work in the field of tanning chemicals.

Prof Dr Wilhelm Comberg, for his scientific achievements in the field of ophthalmology.

Prof Dr Albrecht Alt, for his scientific lifework, especially for his research on the early history of Israel. (6)

MERITORIOUS RAILROADERS

The honorary title Meritorious Railroader of the GDR was awarded to the following 42 railroaders in 1955:

Johannes Brueckner, brigade locomotive engineer at the BW [Light Locomotive and Car Repair Shop] Karl-Marx-Stadt-Hilbersdorf

Georg Bregulla, brigade foreman at the BW Dresden-Altstadt

Irmgard Weise, brigade foreman at the BW of the Magdeburg Main Railroad Station

Johannes Pietsch, coal loader at the BW Luebbenau

Werner Bicks, brigade locomotive engineer at the BW Gera

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Guenther Mueller, brigade locomotive engineer at the BW Schwerin

Ernst Freiwald, chief locomotive engineer at the BW Falkenberg

Helmut Giera, brigade locomotive engineer at the BW Werdau

Heinz Seidel, locomotive fireman at the BW Thum

Walter Klaehn, construction chief at the Reichsbahn Construction Enterprise Berlin

Friedrich Koerner, chief machinist at the RAW Halle

Fritz Hartmann, boilermaker and brigade foreman at the RAW Halberstadt

Felix Cioska, electrical fitter and brigade foreman at the RAW Berlin-Schoenebeide

Fritz Kiesling, chief gang foreman at Railroad Section Shop No 1, Erfurt

Walter Weyh, gang foreman at Railroad Section Shop Grimmenthal

Edmund Muenzel, line switchman at the Railroad Section Shop Quedlinburg

Eduard Stein, section hand at the Railroad Section Shop Neustrelitz

Georg Stadler, foreman at the Guesten branch of the Signal and Communications Section Aschersleben

Kurt Lindner, chief of the car-acceptance unit at the RAW Dresden

Robert Menzel, Deputy Minister of Transportation and chief of the Political Administration of the Reichsbahn

Rudi Meyer, foreman of the car repair shop at the BW Adorf

Wilhelm Mattner, car inspector at Railroad Car Inspection Section No 4, Frankfurt/Oder

Walter Heumann, switching-personnel instructor at RBA [Reichsbahn Division] Zwickau

Kurt Micken, baggage master at the Karl-Marx-Stadt Main Railroad Station

Oswin Kohlbach, conductor at the Halle Freight Station

Christa Lanckow, dispatcher at the RBA Wittenberg

Josefine Poepperle, ticket inspector at the Altenburg Railroad Station

Hans Maeder, chief dispatcher at the Ministry of Transportation

Hermann Pohl, freight supervisor at the Zeitz Freight Dispatching Section

Egon Huebner, employee in the office of the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, former head of RBA Berlin 2/3

Dr Josef Fontaine, chemist and department chief at the Chemical Experimental Office of the Reichsbahn in Kirchmoeser

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Dr Rudolf Kretschmer, chief physician of the Railroad Medical Service of the Reichsbahn

Dr Kurt Guenter Hess, department chief for dental diseases, Dental Service of the Reichsbahn

Erich Mai, foreman at RAW Halle

Manfred Sternitzke, brigade foreman at the Saalfeld Freight Dispatching Section

Dr Engelbrecht (fnu), chief ophthalmologist of the Reichsbahn

Prof Dr Potthoff (fnu), doctor of engineering, dean of the Transportation College

Erich Wagner, department chief at the locomotive operations section of the Main Administration for Machinery

Richard Staimer, former Deputy Minister of Railroads and, at present, first secretary of the GST [Society for Sports and Technology]

Paul Gruenewald, chief of the locomotive repair section at RAW "7 Oktober," Zwickau

Alfred Grevesmuehl, civil engineer, department chief at the Technical Central Office of the Reichsbahn

Herbert Taeschner, foreman at the heating installation section of the Car Repair Shop Dresden-Altstadt, Dresden-Neustadt Heating Plant (7)

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