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1. On 6 November 1952 Dr. Hugo Schrade, Director of V&B Carl Zeiss, Jena, gave a survey of 1952 development at the plant to Zeiss department chiefs. He stated that the 1952 plan from 1 January through 30 September 1952 had been fulfilled by 107.3 percent. October production was slightly below the quote with a fulfillment of 99.3 percent.
2. Schrade continued that production is seriously hampered by shortages of critical materials. The most serious shortages are those of cast light metal, light metal sheet and steel. Schott und Genossen, Jena, has been unable to provide glass in sufficient quantities. Another factor in the shortage of glass is that many skilled glass workers have fled to West Germany.
3. Schrade stated that the new Zeiss factories in Weimar, Seebach and Eisfeld will start to operate in early 1953. These are in addition to the plant in Dresden-Reick which is now in operation.

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