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SOURCE:

1. **Buckau-Wolf, Magdeburg:** In October 1952, the plant delivered sixteen 20 hp. engines to the Soviet Union as reparations. They are understood to be booster motors for jet engines. They have aluminum housings that will be delivered separately. Engines of the old Junkers 205d airplane engine type were built for the Seepolizei. The engines are water-cooled, of 200 hp., mounted three together. Three engines were produced, part of an order from the Ministry of Machine Construction; they are said to be for the national shipyard at Stralsund. There is a current program for the same ministry for sixteen 320 hp. Diesel engines, each with a 120 hp. auxiliary engine. Of smaller engines, up to 80 hp., about 60 have been manufactured in the last three months (August to October). Other October production included 10 tons of track links for caterpillars, and quantities of single parts for vehicles.
2. **SAG Marten:** The Marten steel works at Silbitz bei Crossen produced about 3,000 track links for vehicles in October. Steel plate was also manufactured in the dimensions, 60 cm wide, 1 meter long, and 5 to 8 cm thick. In November 1952, 224 plates, mostly 40 mm, were delivered to the SAG Waggonbau Weimar for further processing. They are reportedly intended for front plates for a type of armored vehicle resembling the Soviet T-9. The production of gears for cranes has dropped sharply. The Marten works at Rasberg produced 52 tons of steel for ball bearings in October 1952.
3. **VEB Geldschrankbau, Leipzig (formerly Fabrik K8ster):** This plant has been granted a credit of 6,000,000 DM East, for purposes of making changes in the plant. The new uses to which it is to be converted are not yet known.
4. **Meyer & Weichelt (VBB GUS):** This plant produced 11,000 track links in October 1952, which were delivered in semi-finished state to the Werkzeugunion Schmalkalden and the VEB Maschinenfabrik Salzgungen. There has been a noticeable rise in the production of 55 mm and 88 mm shell cases; the daily output now is 150 to 180 pieces.

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Production rates in other respects show no changes, except that castings are being made for the VEB Halbzeugwerk Auerhammer, which is constructing an electric steel furnace. The Auerhammer plant will also make shell cases.

5. Bficker Flugzeugbau, Rangsdorf: This plant employs only Soviet citizens. It makes parts for rockets. Sixteen railroad cars were counted leaving the works in October.
6. Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg: This plant operated at 100 percent capacity in October 1952. Parts for locomotives were the chief product. About 28 tons of track links were produced. About the same number (28) of motorcycles were delivered to a field postal service unit at Kirchmöser.
7. BUS Wildau, near Berlin: This plant delivered six tank bodies to Krupp-Gruson for further fabrication, in October 1952. This work will be done at Wildau after the enlargement of the works is completed. Tank turrets are cast in the plant; the plates are made by the Silva-Werke at Magdeburg. The blanks for the turrets come from the Walzwerk Kirchmöser. The tanks apparently are a light type. The production of underbody parts for motor vehicles has increased; axles and axle parts are manufactured and delivered to various VEB plants. About 1,500 castings are made monthly, which are said to be for use as warheads for rockets or torpedoes. The parts are of the same size as those made in the last war.
8. VEB Maschinenfabrik Görlitz: In October 1952, this plant turned out 12 rotary pumps having a capacity of 300 liters per minute. They are for use in submarines. Parts for 32 valves for submarines were delivered to the Chemische Maschinenfabrik Rudesleben, Kr. Arnstadt. The spring steel was of Belgian origin.
9. Bleichert und Co., Leipzig: This plant manufactured 12 spherical buckets for excavation work for the Soviet Union in October 1952; also cranes for customers in Czechoslovakia and Poland. Because of materials shortages, only 12 crane cars were produced from 1 to 15 October. The shortages hindered the manufacture of vehicles generally. More effort is being given to the production of parts, such as semi-finished shafts. Six large motor winches are in construction and will soon be ready for the finishing shop.
10. Kombinat Bitterfeld. Large quantities of electron-alloy (sic) have been manufactured here since 22 October 1952. Production is estimated at 5 to 7 tons monthly.
11. Zeiss Jena: Infra-red equipment (searchlights and iconoscopes) is being produced in large quantity, about 40 pieces during the past month. They are made in two models: for vehicles, with an image screen 40 x 25 cm; as telescope sights for small guns. The production of optical aiming devices continues at the rate of about 30 pieces per month, of type A1. Potentiometers (Kuropotentiometer) with individual 24-volt motors and eccentric potentiometer discs are manufactured in the following types: 0214-10, 0814-13, 0814-48, 0814-49. The VEB Medizintechnik in Leipzig is the prior deliverer. The Schottwerke makes reflectors and glass parts for searchlights. The searchlights are generally of 60 or 80 mm in diameter. Glass parts for airfield lighting units are also produced, with a length of about 1.1 meters.
12. Benzinwerk Böhlen: This plant produced 4,096 tons of anti-knock aviation gasoline in the period from 27 October to 12 November 1952; also 1,620 tons of Diesel fuel. The aviation gas is 96 octane. The Diesel fuel is for the Red Army in the Soviet Union. Tar was delivered to chemical works in East Germany.

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13. Drahtweberei Tewa, Neustadt (Orla): A new, pure nickel-wire fabric has been manufactured here for the past 14 days. It is of only about 600 mesh per square cm instead of 7,000 mesh as formerly. Output for the period was 12,000 square meters. Cables for observation balloons were also manufactured and shipped to Leipzig.

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