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- In the fall of 1952, the Cultural Director of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, (Inc) Schieck, was relieved of his functions and replaced by (Ina) Roehrdanz, who subsequently was given the title "Director for Labor" (Direktor fuer Arbeit).<sup>1,2</sup>
- On 9 March 1953, the so-called "Day of Foreman", all Zeiss foremen were assembled and Roehrdanz delivered a speech to them. He declared that Walter Ulbricht personally had told him that all work "norms" (Normen) in East Germany would have to be revised in the near future since the norms presently enforced enable some workers to earn as much as 1,500 DEM per month. Roehrdanz also told his audience that the new norms would be computed as an average between the work of the best workers (Bestarbeiter) and the average. At the same time Roehrdanz assured his audience that no decrease in wages is considered through the introduction of new norms.<sup>3,4</sup>

1. [Redacted] Comment: The function of Cultural Director was abolished.

2. [Redacted] Comment: Roehrdanz may possibly be identical with Fritz Roehrdanz reported [Redacted] as political supervisor of Zeiss, Jena.

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3. [Redacted] Comment: A change of norms is incompatible with the promise of unchanged wages.

4. [Redacted] Comment: The best workers reach 100 percent of the norm. According to statistics of the Ministry for Machine Construction, the average Zeiss worker reaches around 120 percent. This, however, is only on paper; actually, the average Zeiss standard is below 120.

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