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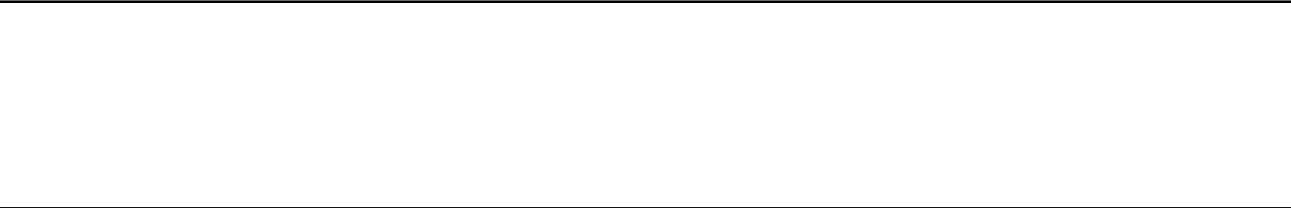
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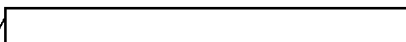
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1. At Bleichert Transportanlagen, SAG Transmasch, Leipzig during April 1953, two heavy ship's cranes were produced for the USSR on schedule. A 15-ton crane was also completed, then dismantled for transport. There are minor orders on hand for spare parts for cranes for VEB ABUS Schermmaschinenbau Heinrich Rau, Wildau, and VEB ABUS-Kranbau, Eberswalde. In the outer factory, Soviet trucks with various attachments, mostly crane trucks and those with special towing apparatus, are continually seen. The total number of trucks thus equipped during April 1953 was between 90 and 120. Material shortages still give difficulty; the promised bar and rod stock did not arrive from Poland. It is probable that there are financial difficulties, and earlier deliveries have not yet been paid for. Trouble is also being experienced because of the large amount of rejections, mainly because of the poor quality of the iron used.
2. On the grounds of the former Junkers factory at Dessau, surveys were conducted between 17 March 1953 and 26 April 1953. It is believed that there will be a reconstruction. The VoPo units stationed there are to be sent to Burg and Rosslau.
3. During April 1953, the Benzinwerk Boehlen delivered 12,000 tons of antiknock, high quality gasoline to the USSR. During the same period, about 3,200 tons of jet fuel with a gasoline base were produced. Several of the hydrogenation installations were overhauled and a new one was built. In the section that formerly produced by-products, a new section of the research laboratory has been set up.
4. At the Strausberg gun repair shop, six heavy AA guns were assembled. They are Czech guns, destined for the Volkspolizei unit at Neuruppin.

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5. At present, the Zemag-Zeitz (Zemag Eisengiesserei u. Maschinenfabrik Zeitz der SAG Transmasch) is working on an order of 12,000 strikers for the fabrication of briquettes. Three large briquette presses were delivered to the USSR in April 1953. A machine for breaking coal was observed with a measurement plate that bore the number 2000. An order was received from Poland for three ship's winches. Each month six or seven heavy flatcars are fully overhauled.
6. Each quarter the Zeitz VEB leather factory produces 3,500 knapsacks for the Volkspolizei. During the last two months, about 10,000 rifle slings were produced, and the order continues. During April 1953, thirty tarpaulins for trucks were produced. About 50 covers for gun barrels were produced during the same period.
7. At the VEB Waggonbau Goerlitz during April 1953, three shop trucks were produced on order of the Soviet Control Commission and delivered. At present, work is practically limited to repair jobs, since materials are lacking for attainment of the planned production. Tires and axle parts are especially short. The Riesa factory cannot deliver tires before the middle of June 1953.
8. The VEB Waggonbau Bautzen produced four cars and two power cars for the Warsaw suburban railroad during April 1953. Work on this order is proceeding. There are no material shortages at present. The base for a heavy railroad crane is in production; it will be delivered to ABUS-Wildau. Work will shortly begin on a new order for large refrigerator cars with extra-heavy insulation and a vacuum installation. The refrigerating machinery will come from East Berlin.
9. Production at the Boehlitz-Ehrenberg ball-bearing factory (Leipziger Kugellagerfabrik DKF der SAG Transmasch) during April 1953 amounted to 500,000 bearings of all types. About 80,000 of these were rocker-bearings for the USSR.
10. At the Geraetebau in Schoenebeck (SAG Amo) during April 1953, 70 loading units were produced for the USSR. Each is equipped with a 50 hp. motor and mounted on a Soviet truck. During the same period, six units were produced for the Volkspolizei units in Mecklenburg and mounted on IFA trucks. The chassis came from Halle.
11. As of 1 May 1953, sprocket wheels again began to be produced at the Stahlwerk Silbitz. Benches for lathes and other shop tools are being produced.

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