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1. Meszhart Activities

a. Because of the shortage of coal, and in order to utilize the heavy residue of Hungarian oil, Meszhart is converting its Danube tugboats to oil firing. The conversion takes about six weeks.

b. The Danube tug KOMAROM, of Meszhart, has been taken to the Korneuburg Shipyard, Austria, where she will be converted into a motor tug with two 600 HP motors. In Korneuburg Meszhart has ordered three tank barges of 1,000 tons capacity, of which one has been delivered. Three new 900-ton barges have been built for Meszhart by the Lake Balaton Shipbuilding Yard.

c. Meszhart is expected to receive a 2,400-ton cargo vessel by December 1953.

d. There have been rumors that the M/SS BUDAPEST, DEBRECEN and SZEGED will be retransferred to the Detert shipping company. Meszhart cannot make the Near East traffic pay because of the shortage of cargo.

e. Captains Teleki (fnu) and Kadar (fnu) were dismissed from Meszhart on the grounds that the company had 8 masters for 4 ships. They were, however later reinstated.

2. Meszhart Ship Repair Yard.²

a. The Meszhart Ship Repair Yard lies between the railroad bridge crossing the Ujpest Island and the extreme northern end of the island, although the northern point itself is occupied by a small service depot for the River Police.

b. The Meszhart repair yard has an electrically-powered slipway capable of hauling up a 1,290-ton vessel. The vessel is then shored up and as many as three vessels can thus be held on the slipway at once.

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c. The Northern Railroad Bridge across the Danube, shown on the sketch, which passes south of the Meszhart repair yard and north of the Gheorghiu-Dej shipyards is under repair. Two new pillars are being built in the left arm of the Danube, which will have the effect of shortening the span required. (The former bridge had its pillars on the bank of the river).

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1. Comment: probably means DTERT (Danube and Ocean Navigation Company-Duna és Tenger hajózási Részvénytársaság) which however, was absorbed by Meszhart in 1951.

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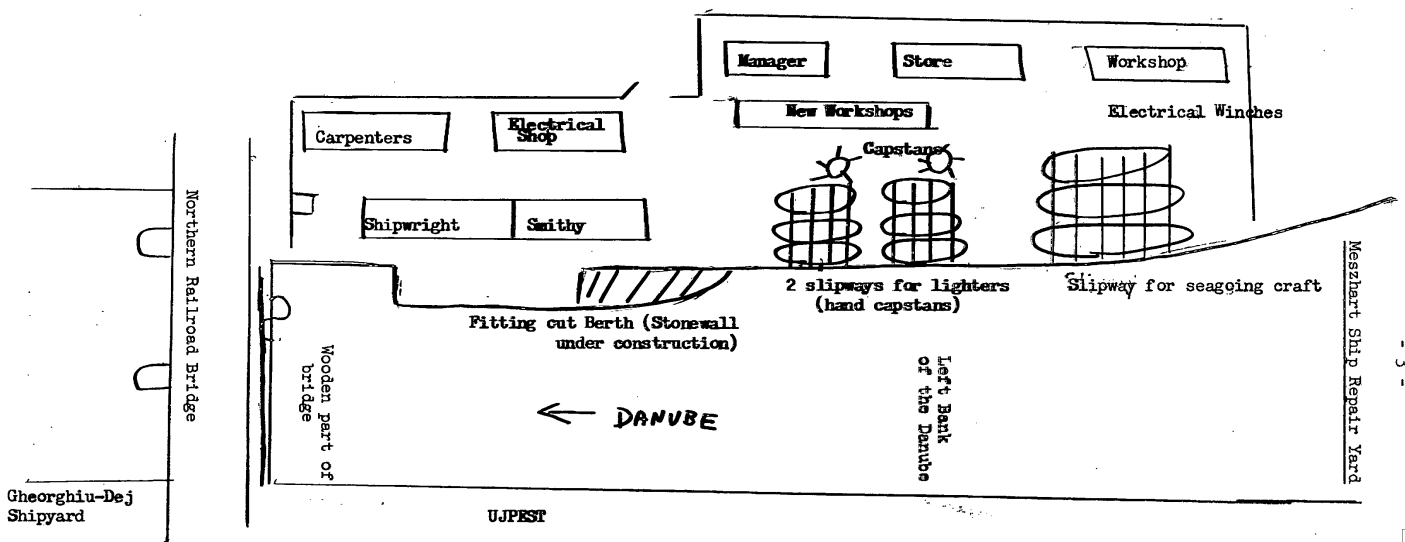
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Annex: Sketch-map of the Meszhart Ship Repair Yard (1 page).

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