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1. The "Fertigungsstaette Weimar" (Branch Plant Weimar) of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, is located in "Hinter dem Bahnhof" in Weimar, in a building previously used as an engineering school. A new storage shed has been added since Zeiss took over this installation.
2. Although in late 1953 and early 1954, the total labor force of the Branch Plant in Weimar only comprised about 600 workers and employees, this number had risen to about 1,280 to 1,300 by February - March 1955. Of this number, about 65 percent are women. About 780 persons are engaged in the various production shops; 90 in inspection and control; about 150 are apprentices; and the remainder are maintenance, transportation, auxiliary, or supervisory personnel.
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 - a. The chief of the Weimar Branch plant is Gerhard Senf¹, SED member, and a member of the Weimar City Council. He is attending a course at the Stralsund Party School.
 - b. The Technical Director is Kurt Ackermann, CDU member.
 - c. The Chief of production (Produktionsleiter) is Erich Dressler, SED member, and also a member of the Weimar City Council. Dressler is to attend the Stralsund Party School as soon as Senf has returned.
 - d. Huebner (fnu), SED member, is Chief of the Cadre Department.
 - e. Olm (fnu), SED member, is Chief of the Labor Department. He already has attended various party schools and is fairly new in the plant.
 - f. The chairman of the BGL (Betriebsgewerkschaftsleitung) is Nemetz (fnu), SED member.
 - g. Kohl (fnu), SED member, and Frau Schmueckm (fnu), SED member, are in charge of the BFO (Plant Party Organization).
 - h. The Sales and Distribution Department is headed by Richter (fnu), CDU member.
 - i. The Inspection and Control Department is headed by Mueller (fnu) and Schmidt (fnu).

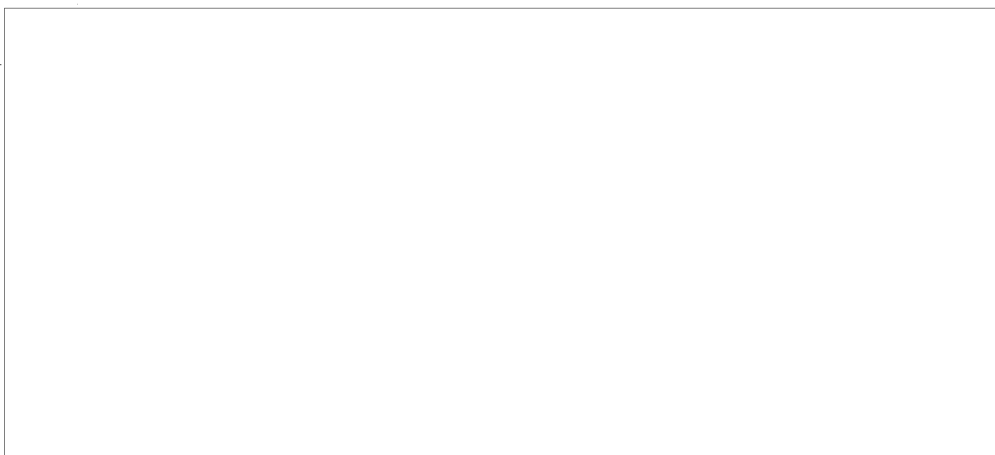
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4. The present 1955 production program for the Weimar branch plant covers orders only until November 1955. Nothing is known at the plant about any orders for production after this period.
5. Although production inspection standards have not been raised, the Inspection and Control Department recently **rejected** up to 20 percent of the semi-finished or finished items because of poor workmanship. For light-meters, recent rejection averages were 13 to 20 percent; for alarm clocks, 20 percent and over; and for self-timers, only about 3 to 5 percent. There were practically no rejections of universal joints for tripods, and the rejection rate for the "P-8" projector was about 8 to 10 percent. 25X1
6. The Weimar branch plant is solely a production plant and no research or laboratory work is undertaken there.



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