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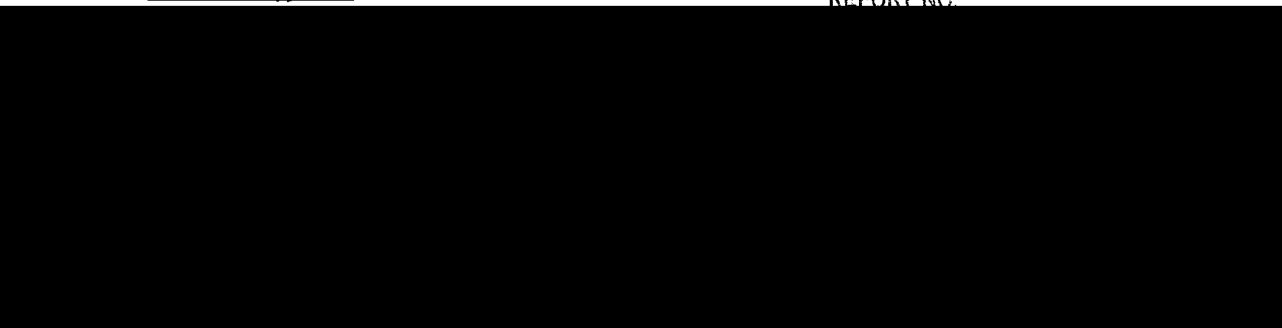


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1. On 1 March 1951, the last three tons of iron were removed from Zeiss and transferred to another factory which was completely without iron. As a result, Zeiss was obliged to stop the production of machine tools and work on astro cupolas. It is not known when Zeiss will receive foundry iron again.
2. The production of telescopic gunsights is to be started in 1951.
3. The production of "Einfaerbepolarisationsfilter" is being initiated. A specialist* from Western Germany was engaged for this purpose. Formerly, this specialist worked in this field at IG Farben. The Russians have shown considerable interest in this project.
4. Zeiss has twice attempted to cast a two-meter mirror, presumably for tele-objective. In both cases, the casting was unsuccessful.
5. Conferences have started at Zeiss concerning a Russian order for A-2, a successor to A-1. Director Hugo Schrade is in favor of trying to obtain the order, which would make it possible to employ more personnel and to obtain funds for further reconstruction. Dr. Horst Koehler, head of the computing department for telescropy, is against it, because he feels that work which is more appropriate to Zeiss would suffer and prevent Zeiss from holding its position in the international market.

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