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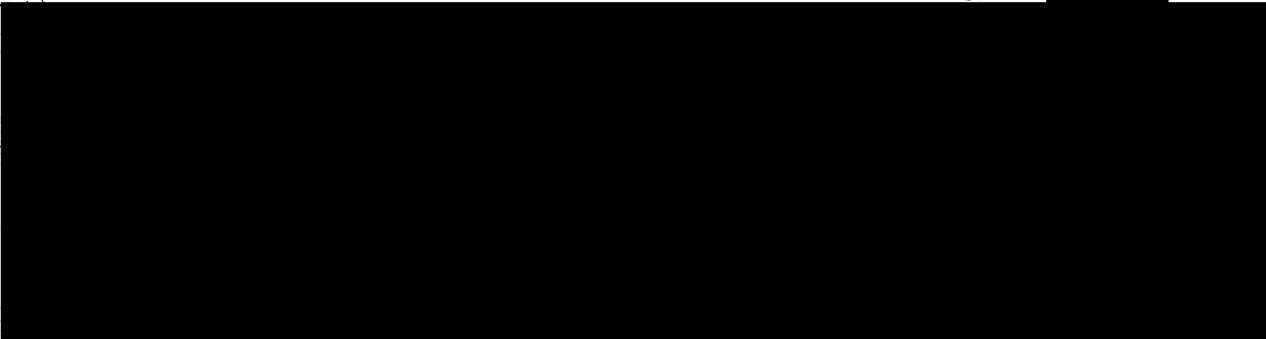
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Matzen

- Between May and mid-September 1951 the Soviets increased the number of active wells in the Matzen fields from 37 to 70. Included in the more recent figure are four wells located in the Aderklaa area between Bockfliess and Reyersdorf which, for administrative purposes, were incorporated into the Matzen area in June 1951. The Soviets expect that as many as 12 more wells will come into production by the end of 1951. The average daily output of crude oil from the Matzen fields is estimated at 3,730 metric tons. The Soviets hope by the end of the year to raise this production to 4,000 metric tons per day. All but one of the Matzen wells yield an asphalt oil which has a 5 - 7.5-percent benzine content; the remaining well produces paraffin oil, of which the present yield is 21 tons per day. The average water content of Matzen oil is 12 percent.
- The Soviets have recently constructed a large pumping station at Bockfliess from which oil is pumped directly to the underground storage tanks in the Lobau. The pumping station is now equipped with four storage tanks, each having a capacity of 7,000 cubic meters. Two more storage tanks with a capacity of 3,000 cubic meters apiece have been completed but as yet are not connected to the pumping station. The Soviets expect eventually to install three additional 1,000-cubic-meter storage tanks in this pumping station. As of mid-September 1951 it is estimated that approximately 3,100 tons of crude oil are pumped daily from the Matzen fields directly to the storage tanks in the Lobau.

Aderklaa

- Aderklaa now has 10 active wells which produce a total of 700 tons per day. Five drill rigs are operating in this field, and it is expected that these wells will be brought into production by the end of September 1951. In view of the negative results of test drillings conducted in Aderklaa during May and June 1951, the Soviets transferred three drill rigs from this field to Muehlberg sometime in July. Exploratory drillings at Fischamend on the right bank of the Danube have disclosed excellent oil cores, although these wells thus far have produced only gas. The Soviets intend shortly to install two more drill rigs, in addition to the three now operating in this area. The entire crude oil output of the Aderklaa fields is now pumped directly to the SMV underground storage tanks in the Lobau.

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Muehlberg

4. The crude oil output of Muehlberg's 56 wells is still declining and in September 1951 was estimated at only 970 tons per day. Water content of this oil is 68 percent of the total output. The natural gas compressors at Muehlberg have been replaced with eight new compressors which the Soviets brought in from Eastern Germany. The new compressors have a capacity of 200,000 cubic meters per day. Natural gas produced in this area will be used to operate the gas lifts in the oil fields and will also be pumped to Vienna's municipal gas works.

ITAG, DEA I AND II, and Maustrenk

5. This oil field area now has a total of 270 wells producing 430 tons of oil per day. The transfer of ITAG's 24 derricks to the Matzen fields was completed in August 1951. A gas lift has been installed at DEA which is supposed to increase production by as much as 40 tons per 24-hour period.

Van Sickle

6. In May 1951 the Van Sickle oil fields had 37 wells producing a total of 170 tons of oil per day. This semi-independent enterprise is deliberately restricting its production.

EPG

7. As of May 1951 this field was producing a daily average of 170 tons per day. This output is reported to be 91 percent water.

Crude Oil Delivered Between May and September 1951

8. Following is a summary of available estimates on the crude oil output of the S'W fields during the period of May to mid-September 1951. It should be noted that source was not in a position to maintain coverage during the month of July. These figures represent the amount of crude oil pumped from S'W oil fields and do not indicate actual well production:

<u>S'W Field</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Delivered</u>		
	<u>May 1951</u>	<u>June 1951</u>	<u>Mid-August to Mid-September 1951</u>
Matzen	99,000	138,000	111,900
Muehlberg	34,500	39,000	29,100
Aderklaa	22,200	9,000 (1)	21,000
ITAG	3,060	3,000	12,900 (ITAG and DEA output combined)
DEA I and II	14,100	13,500	
Rohoel A.G.	13,500	15,000	
Van Sickle	5,100	3,000	
EPG	5,100	4,500	
Total (2)	196,560	225,000	174,900

Eastward Rail Shipments of Crude Oil from Matzen

9. Following is a breakdown of crude oil shipments from the Matzen railroad station to Poland and Czechoslovakia during the period from June to mid-September 1951. It should be noted that these figures do not include oil pumped to the storage tanks in the Lobau:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil</u>			
	<u>June 1951</u>	<u>July 1951</u>	<u>August 1951</u>	<u>1-18 September 1951</u>
Trzebinia, Poland	2,678	1,263	-	-
Dziedzice, Poland	1,677	1,652	-	-
Kolin, Czechoslovakia	1,264	1,205	4,652	2,791
Pardubice, Czechoslovakia	1,347	-	-	-
Ostrava, Czechoslovakia	902	-	894	464
Dubova, Czechoslovakia	-	776	1,613	-
Krumpa, Czechoslovakia(3)	108	-	468	-

10. An official of one of the SMV storage depots is reported to have stated in June 1951 that from 2,000 to 2,200 tons of crude oil were being shipped daily to Czechoslovakia and Eastern Germany.(4) During the last week of June 1951 seven transports totalling 3,500 tons of crude oil were shipped from Wifo-Neusiedl to Eastern Germany; considerably larger quantities were shipped from Wifo-Lobau. Between 1 and 18 September 1951 a total of 9,400 tons of crude oil was loaded at the Matzen railroad station for direct shipment to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Export Shipments of Crude Oil from the Lobau

11. It is estimated that between 3,200 and 3,500 tons of crude oil are loaded daily from the SMV storage tanks in the Lobau for shipment outside of Austria.(5) The amount of crude oil shipped from the Lobau to the Austrian refineries probably does not exceed 900 tons per day.

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- (1) [REDACTED] Comment: According to [REDACTED], this apparent decline in Aderklaa production was due to the administrative change (mentioned in paragraph one) by which four Aderklaa wells were transferred to Matzen.

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- (2) [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] who is closely [REDACTED]

25X1X [REDACTED] considers the May and June estimates high and judges the crude oil production for these months to have been 184,000 and 195,000 tons, respectively. It will be noted that the production figures for September are incomplete.

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- (3) [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly Kralupy nad Vltavou (N51/P60).

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- (4) [REDACTED] Comment: These figures are believed to include both rail and barge shipments.

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- (5) [REDACTED] Comment: It is not certain whether all export shipments of crude oil from the Lobau storage tanks are included in this estimate, or only the shipments to the USSR and the satellites.