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- 25X1 1. A meeting was held at the SAG Bunawerke Schkopau on 5 October 1951 attended by the leading employees and, as guests, a delegation of the SED under Kreissekretär Frost and the chairman of the FDGB (Berlin), Kirchner
- 25X1 2. Dr. Nelles, the plant manager, presented his quarterly report of which the following is a summary:
 - a. The planned production had been more than fulfilled with an overall actual production of 105.2%. Production figures for individual products were as follows:

Carbide	101%
Acetylene	102%
Synthetic rubber	106%
Oil	103.4%
Solvents	104%
Alcohol	122%
Sodium lye	107%
Power output	121%

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- b. The production value for the third quarter was 25.2% higher than for the same period in 1950 and exceeded the planned figure for the first three quarters of 1951 by 30.4%. The increase in production for the first three quarters of 1951 was 13% compared with the same period in 1950. The planned reduction of cost prices by 5.5% had only reached 5.3% during the first half year because of a loss of production while No. 5 furnace was being rebuilt during the first quarter.

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c. Great success had been achieved in scientific research work as shown by the following:

- 1) The polyamide plant which was now in operation and producing this new synthetic material, thanks to the brilliant research team of Dr. Breuers, Dr. Grimm and Dr. Naumann.
- 2) The nylon plant which had passed the stage of experimental production and was now ready for production by the ton.
- 3) The Reppe plant where pure acetylene was being turned out under a pressure of 6 atm., the only plant in the world where, despite the great danger, this has been achieved as a result of the magnificent work of Dr. Janke.
- 4) The use of synthetic instead of natural rubber in the manufacture of chloride of rubber (Chlorkautschuk). Manufacturing is to be started shortly and will open up new possibilities in coating technique (Anstrichtechnik).
- 5) The new process of producing rubber to withstand low temperatures developed by the research team of Dr. Breuers, Dr. Jone, Dr. Zanker and Dr. Wolff. This is a new kind of rubber possessing greater elasticity than the present buna product and is already being manufactured by the ton. A larger experimental plant is to be built next year. No other country (including the West) was manufacturing synthetic rubber of a similar quality.
- 6) A 10% saving in mercury achieved in the manufacture of acetaldehyde. A new process for purifying acetylene had achieved better results by 4%.

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