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Matzen

- As of November 1951 the Matzen oil field area included a total of 72 eruptive wells. It has now been determined that the Matzen oil field fire of November 1951 was the result of an outbreak of natural gas which occurred in the course of drillings at well No. 69. The sudden force of the escaping gas caused a layer of pebbles to strike the drill rig, producing sparks which then ignited the gas. The well head and drill rig were completely destroyed by the time the fire was brought under control. No other damage was reported.
- The Soviets experienced a second setback at Matzen when well No. 4, which had been yielding 64 tons of crude oil per 24-hour period at a casing pressure of 58 atmospheres and tubing pressure of 35 atmospheres, suddenly erupted. Within two hours the casing pressure had mounted 10 atmospheres and in four more hours had reached a point well over 75 atmospheres. Before this pressure could be reduced an area of about one square kilometer around well No. 4 had been inundated. Apart from the loss of the well head and other equipment in use at this well, the Soviets were forced to close off temporarily three other wells, No. 66, 67, and 58, which normally yield a combined daily average of 180 tons of crude oil. Furthermore, the road from Schoenkirchen to Prottes was partly washed away, and the road surface elsewhere damaged by underground displacements.

Aderklaa

- This oil field area now has a total of 12 eruptive wells in production.

Muehlberg

- The Muehlberg field has 65 producing wells, nine of which are pumping wells. Muehlberg's output has decreased to approximately 900 metric tons per day.

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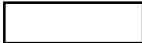
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DEA

- 5. The DEA complex, comprising DEA I and II, ITAG, and Maustrenk, numbers 205 pumping wells.

EPG

- 6. In November 1951 the E. P. Goesting fields contained 42 pumping wells.

Van Sickle

- 7. The Van Sickle oil fields are reported to have about 40 pumping wells in production.

Crude Oil Delivered Between October and December 1951

- 8. Following is a summary of available estimates on the crude oil output of the SNV fields during the period of October to December 1951. These figures represent the amount of crude oil pumped from SNV oil fields and do not indicate actual well production.

<u>SNV Field</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Delivered</u>		
	<u>October 1951</u>	<u>November 1951</u>	<u>December 1951</u>
Matzen	122,440	117,200	125,100
DEA I and II, ITAG and Maustrenk	13,330	12,600	12,950
Adarklaa	23,520	28,200	28,320
Mehlberg	27,590	31,200	27,900
Van Sickle	1,510	15,000 (Van Sickle, EPG & RAG)	5,880 (Van Sickle and EPG)
EPG	3,640		
RAG	11,710		

Eastward Rail Shipments of Crude Oil from Matzen

- 9. Following is a breakdown of crude oil shipments from the Matzen railroad station to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Eastern Germany, and the USSR during November and December 1951.

[Redacted] all crude oil exports during October, [Redacted] rail shipments totalling 6,400 tons to Eastern Germany and 11,720 tons to Czechoslovakia during this month. It should be noted that these figures do not include oil pumped to the storage tanks in the Tobau:

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<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil</u>	
	<u>November 1951</u>	<u>December 1951</u>
Dziedzice and Trzebinia, Poland	1,207	4,350
Kolin, Czechoslovakia	-	7,800
Dubova, Czechoslovakia	218	-
Moravska Ostrava, Czechoslovakia	185	-
Most and Zaluzi, Czechoslovakia	495	-
Gyartelen (Gyoertelek?), Hungary	462	-
Gross Forbetha and Krumpa (1), Eastern Germany	4,720	-
Mukachevo, USSR	772	3,105

10. In addition to these Matzen shipments, an SNV employee states that 15 transports, each containing 450 tons of crude oil, are despatched each month from the Neusiedl marshalling yards. The destination of these transports, which bear the designation "OT", is not known.

Expansion of Loading Facilities at Matzen Railroad Station

11. On 7 January 1952 SNV Headquarters issued an order calling for the immediate expansion of the crude oil loading capacity of the Matzen railroad station to 1,500 tons per day (2). The order was later rescinded after Matzen engineers informed the Soviets that this project would entail razing several large warehouses, straightening the roadbed and adding a double track. As an alternative it was decided to install a pump in the gravity line from Matzen pumping station No. 1 to the Matzen railroad station in order to increase the oil flow to 1,000 tons per day.

Dismissals of SNV Personnel

12. Oberingenieur Dietrich, a member of the Kantgasse Drilling Office who had access to all SNV drilling plans, was dismissed without prior notice during the second week of December 1951. The same week Unzeitig, an employee of the Geological Section, was dismissed under similar circumstances. Inasmuch as neither of these men protested the sudden dismissal, SNV employees believe it likely that some breach of security was involved in both cases.

- 25X1 (1)  Comment: Krumpa cannot be located in available gazetteers.
- 25X1 (2)  Comment: Heretofore the Matzen railroad station has loaded as much as 500 tons of crude oil per day into tankcars for shipment to Czechoslovakia.

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