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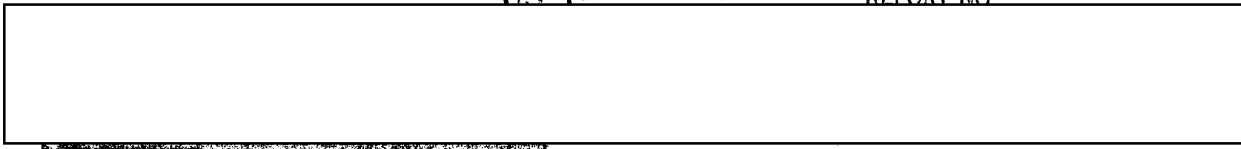
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1. A proposal has been made by the DDR State Secretary for Foreign Trade Kurt Gregor after consultations with the directors of the various DIA agencies, that some of these branches be merged. Gregor pointed out, however, that any such amalgamation could at first include only a few of the most important DIAs since a detailed reorganization at the present time would create a great many difficulties. To this end, Gregor suggested that DIA-Maschinenbau be broken up into a) DIA für chemische Ausrüstungen und Nahrungs- und Genussmittel, employing about 300 people and b) DIA Transport-Maschinen, with approximately 250 employees. DIA-Maschinenbau would then remain as a rump organization.
2. While the Ministry for Machine Construction has voiced an objection to the Gregor proposal, suggesting instead that the organization of the DIA's should correspond to the production structure of the DDR ministries, Heinrich Rau, head of the State Planning Commission, has agreed in principle with Gregor. Rau's main objection to the proposal put forth by the Ministry for Machine Construction is that, in his opinion, it has never been satisfactorily resolved that the Hauptverwaltungen of the production ministries are correctly organized. Rau feels that Gregor's suggestion corresponds to the necessity of grouping the DIAs according to the Five Year Plan position numbers. Such a method of organization would also provide trading organs which could have a general view of the production of the entire economy, including the private firms. Rau added that cooperation and coordination between the DIAs must be assured and to that end a central coordinating agency must be organized.

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