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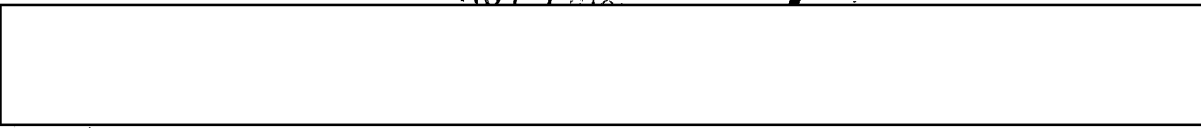
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- In late May 1952, the State Shipping Company (Sowag)¹ in Frankfurt/Oder was handed over to the German administration. On 1 June 1952, the Sowag was renamed the State Shipping on the Oder River. Its new office at 6 Am Bollwerk, Fuerstenberg on the Oder River, is subordinate to the Directorate General, Shipping, on Klara Zetkin Strasse, Berlin.
- No new organization plan for the State Shipping on the Oder River was issued by the Directorate General, Shipping, Berlin. The individual sections of the State Shipping on the Oder River were still being set up, and some of their assignments were still open. On 12 July, Soviet key personnel including Logachev (fnu), Captain 1st Grade, Soviet Navy, Selyominov (fnu), Chief Engineer; Glenski (fnu), Chief Accountant; and a Russian woman secretary, were still working. The head of the supply section of the Staatliche Schifffahrt auf der Oder stated that the Russians would remain in Frankfurt/Oder another two weeks to facilitate the amendment of the Soviet-Polish agreement concerning navigation by East German vessels on the Oder River in the Polish-occupied zone. Vessels of the former Sowag will lie idle at the ports in Eastern Germany until this work is completed.²
- Walter Ziegart,³ previously head of the Fuerstenberg Agency of the Sowag was appointed new manager of the Staatliche Schifffahrt auf der Oder, while Proppa (fnu), former head of the commercial section of the Sowag, became manager of the commercial section in Fuerstenberg/Oder, and Behrendt, (fnu), was appointed Ziegart's deputy. Syring (fnu), a former employee of the Deutsche Schifffahrts- und Umschlagsbetriebszentrale (German Shipping and Transshipment Center) (DSU), Berlin, was made head of the planning section, while Sokoll (fnu), formerly an employee of the Sowag in Frankfurt/Oder, was appointed head of the mechanical and shipbuilding section. The two Ziegart brothers (fnu) were employed at the mechanical and shipbuilding section and concentrated on repair, conversion and the new construction of barges and tugboats. They formerly worked for the Russians in Oderberg. Frau Breeske (fnu), formerly employed at the commercial section of the Sowag in Frankfurt/Oder, was made head of the freight section. Jedlica (fnu), was appointed head of the service and traffic section in which he had been working before the firm was reorganized. Rotter (fnu), formerly head of the supply section at the Sowag, received the same post with the new firm. Wagner (fnu) was appointed personnel chief and Boehne (fnu), formerly chief accountant of the Sowag, became cultural manager and simultaneously secretary of the SED operating groups. Head of the accounting office was Regulla, (fnu), who had been the accountant at the Main Administration of the Fuerstenberg Sowag.

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4. Subsidiaries of the Staatliche Schifffahrt auf der Oder were established in Oderberg and Berlin-Osthafen and Magdeburg. No decision was made on the former Sowag control offices in the Polish-occupied zone.
5. On 14 July 1952, an unidentified office from either Berlin or Potsdam will be located in the building formerly belonging to the Sowag in Frankfurt/Oder.

1. [] Comment. Also called the SSAG Oder. []
2. [] Comment. Reports on the cessation of traffic in the Polish-occupied zone by vessels of the former Sowag were also received []. Traffic in this zone will presumably be suspended until the passport and financial problems between East Germany and Poland have been settled.
3. [] Comment. Reported as Walter Ziegast []

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