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Subject: Shortage of Automotive Vehicles/Private Consumption
of Petroleum Fuels

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Place Acquired: Kherson/Odessa/Tuapse/Other Black
Sea Ports

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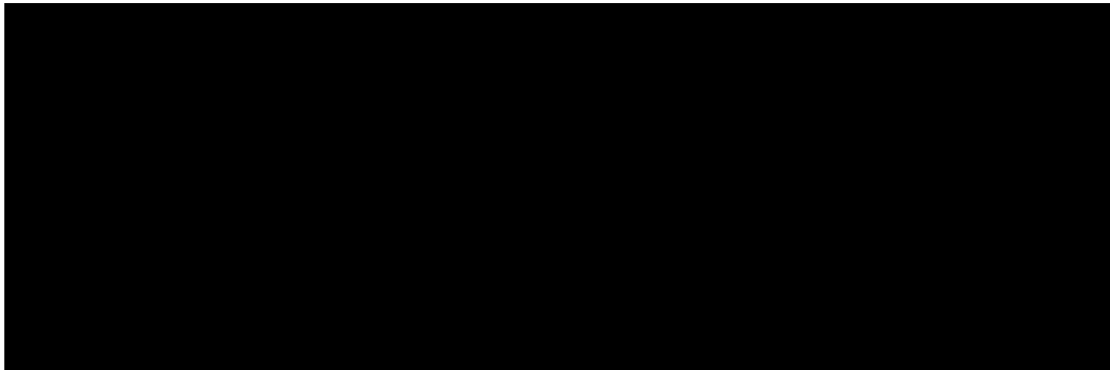
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1. In regard to trucks and other automotive equipment in Kherson particularly, also in Odessa, Tuapse, and other Black Sea ports as of 1941, there was a serious shortage of trucks and automobiles all over the USSR. The roads were very poor. As a result, it was often considered preferable to build a railroad spur to a new factory rather than an automobile road. In Kherson, the trucks were either very old US-made vehicles of varying sizes or the Soviet GAZ (Gorki Auto Plant) trucks. Most of the latter were 3-ton trucks. Both the US and Soviet trucks ran on gasoline. I do not know how many trucks there were in Kherson or in the other cities. The trucks belonged to various organizations, such as those engaged in construction and trade.
2. As to private consumption of petroleum fuels, there was no oil consumption except for kerosene for a primus stove, and there was very little of that. It was purchased in city stores and was difficult to obtain. A family used about one litre every three days. When kerosene was not available, one cooked with wood, coal, or charcoal.

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