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1. The chemical plant Oswiecim is the only plant of its kind in Poland and was completed in 1953. Most of the apparatus and machinery was manufactured in Oswiecim (Auschwitz) or bought from other factories in Upper Silesia. 25X1

2. The plant is under the administration of a central office in Gliwice (Gleiwitz) which, in turn, is under the jurisdiction of the ministry in Warsaw (sic).

3. The aldehyde department produces mainly acetaldehyde from acetylene. The monthly production of about 100 tons was in conformity with the plan quota which was usually fulfilled except during severe winter months when pipes froze and valves burst.

4. The production sequence was as follows:
   carbide
   acetylene
   acetaldehyde
   acetic acid
   ethyl acetate

5. Tadeusz Stojek, a chemist, was head of the aldehyde department. He received a monthly salary of 2,400 zlotys and was not paid for overtime. His deputy was paid for overtime and, with bonuses, had a monthly income of between 2,500 and 3,000 zlotys.

6. About 90 percent of the 300 workers in the department were Poles. The monthly wage of an operator amounted to about 1,000 zlotys. Every three months the workers were given a physical examination. Daily they received half a liter of milk and from time to time were issued vitamins. The work was injurious to the workers' health because of the many gases and fumes. 25X1

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