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1. The SMV refinery at Schwechat, Lower Austria, is known officially as Raffinerie Schwechat. While under German management, it was known as the Nova refinery and the term was employed from 1945 to 1952, but it has now been dropped. The refinery address is: Vienna Schwechat, Industriestrasse 15.
2. As of 1 January 1953, Raffinerie Schwechat had 91 employees and 473 workers on the payroll. The work week was 48 hours.
3. Most of the crude and refined oil going to and from the Schwechat Refinery is transported by pipelines. There are three pipelines in operation: two carry refined products from Schwechat to the SMV WIFO installation at Lobau; the third pumps crude oil from WIFO, Lobau, to Schwechat. All three pipelines cross the Schwechat River by means of a bridge, but are anchored in the river bed in crossing the Danube. Part of the oil shipments at Schwechat are transported by railroad tank cars.
4. Plans for the expansion of the atmospheric distillation plant at the Schwechat Refinery have been completed and approved. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall, 1953, and completion of the project is expected in spring or summer, 1954.
5. The only Soviet national working at the Schwechat Refinery is Director Istomin (fnu). He has been director since the fall of 1952, when he replaced Panitkov (fnu). Other former Soviet directors at Schwechat and their periods of service are:

Gorbunov (fnu)-summer 1951 until July 1952  
 Sinelnikov (fnu)-two weeks in the summer of 1951  
 Pavolov (fnu)- 1951

Pavolov and Sinelnikov are now working for the SMV in Vienna.

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