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1. It [REDACTED] 1953. [REDACTED] 1953.

The dissolution was the result of an order from the Soviet Control Commission, Karlshorst. It is believed that the entire reconstruction of the Junkers plant will now be abandoned.

2. Between 16 and 18 June 1953, 24,000 employees of the Leunawerk went on strike. For three days a fire raged in the methanol plant; the workers seized the sulphuric acid salt production equipment and two cracking furnaces. As of 19 July, the entire plant was believed to be operating at about 80 percent of normal capacity.
3. In the most recent reorganization of East German government economic offices, the liquid fuel functions of the Marketing Office (Absatzkontor) of the Ministry for Material Procurement have reverted to DHZ Kraftstoff und Mineraloel. The Marketing Office now handles only deliveries of chemicals and fuels of all kinds between plants, and not materials which appear on the open market. Raw materials for further production into marketable products are to be handled by the DHZ's generally. In connection with this move, the staff which moved from the DHZ's to the marketing offices in February 1953 has now returned. Export and Reparations plans, however, remain the province of the marketing offices.

4. The former Derunapht liquid fuel depot in Berlin-Adlershof has been turned over to the East Berlin city administration. Derunapht has been given the former DHZ depot in Rummelsburg (previously belonging to Maway) and the Spiritus-Inspektion tanks in Berlin-Lichtenberg to replace the Adlershof depot. Berlin state reserves, however, remain at Adlershof as before.

5. A new liquid [REDACTED] has been built for DHZ Kum in Langensalza, [REDACTED] to have been ready for use after 1 July 1953. Total capacity is reportedly 4,000 cubic meters; of this, 2,500 cubic meters is for gasoline and 1,500 for Diesel fuel. After two weeks of operation, the main tank burst. The [REDACTED]

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6. As of 1 July 1953, DHZ KuM had over 89 tank trucks and 102 tank trailers. By the end of 1953, an additional 30 trucks are to be available. These will allegedly be in operation after 1 September 1953.
7. State reserves of liquid fuels had not been touched as of 15 July 1953; issue of fuels from these stocks has been forbidden by the East German government. DHZ KuM reserves, however, have been released for consumption in order to ease the financial situation. DHZ was unable to pay producing plants for fuels they had already made. DHZ, therefore, released its fuels for general consumption and lowered the consumer's price from 3.00 DME to 1.80 DME per liter on 13 July. By doing this, DHZ hoped to accumulate the money and the necessary tank space to absorb about 10,000 metric tons of fuels already produced but not delivered. If the 10,000 tons were not taken from the producing plants, liquid fuel production would have to be cut drastically for lack of storage space and money.
8. The management of DHZ KuM moved to Berlin-Rummelsberg, Malepas rasse, telephone 652191, on 15 July 1953. Because of the new distribution of work and the recent reorganization, the following are now believed to be the departments and their respective chiefs:  
 Director - Frau Else Mieth  
 Deputy - Rogall (fnu)  
 Department I (Personnel) - (not filled)  
 Department II (Schooling) - Frau Karla Pilz  
 Department III (General Administration) - Beternsky (fnu)  
 Department IV (Finance) - Paul Klensky, Stalmach (fnu)  
 Department V (Planning) - Copius (fnu)  
 Department VI (Trade) - Rogall (fnu)  
 Department VII (Technology) - Mitternacht (fnu), Boettcher (fnu)  
 Department VIII (Materials Control) - Swatosch (fnu)
9. The new director of the liquid fuel depot in Berlin, formerly Shell and Olex, is Reglin (fnu). The director of the DHZ Berlin local office is Waldemar Binder. It is believed that the Berlin office will soon be absorbed into headquarters in an effort to save personnel.
10. DIA-Chemie has established a collection point for export tank cars running to the West in Delitzsch. The director is Frau Dietz (fnu), a resident of Halle.

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