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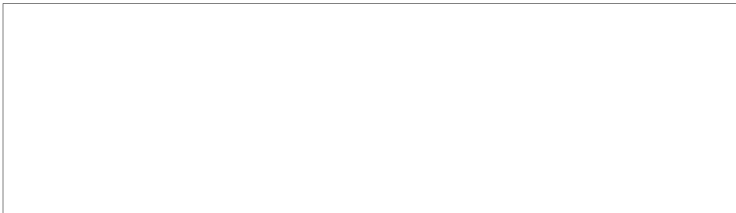
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1. In late March 1954, two dredges and three motor cargo vessels were on the building slips of the Schiffswerft Rosslau (Rosslau Shipyard). Work on these vessels proceeded at a slow pace because of the shortage of material. The last of the dredges, which was destined for Poland, was scheduled to be almost entirely redesigned at Polish request.
2. The entire production of the shipyard was to be changed over to light metal construction in 1955. Repairs to Elbe River tugboats were also planned.
3. In April 1954, the material supply conditions at the shipyard had improved to a certain extent, as transports constantly arrived from the USSR. Iron sheets, 7 mm thick, were the main supply items.
4. The construction of refrigerated drifters at the Rosslau Shipyard was scheduled to begin by 1 July 1954. The material needed had not yet arrived at the yard by late June 1954, although HY Schiffbau (Shipbuilding Main Administration) had informed the yard that the material allegedly had been on the way for four weeks.
5. In late June 1954, six of the seven seagoing dredges were nearing completion at the Peenewerft in Wolgast. In June 1954, a Polish government commission had refused to because it was of the opinion that the foundations of the engine units were too weak and because the shipyard refused to construct the foundations to strengthen them as the Poles demanded.



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