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Sovi chan sent	Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Plant No. 29 had several names prior to the et occupation in 1910. The original name of Tosmare Naval Shipyard was ged to Warship Repair Factory, which again was changed in 1950 to its prename. The name was printed on the gate pass in Russian and in Latvian. the plant was subordinate to the Navy in the USSR Ministof Defense. There were about 1,200-1,300 workers at the plant.	25 X 1		
2. The management of the plant consisted of a director, chief engineer, and a Party organizer. The director and chief engineer were captains first rank; they wore Navy uniforms with three stars on the shoulder straps and three stripes on the cuffs. The director and chief engineer were changed between 1948 and 1953. The last director was a Tartar He lived in				
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largest building at the shipyard (5). It consisted of a two or three-story	5X1
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high hall (5a) and a one-story building (5b). The shop had a large	
lathe which turned motor bearings from different directions to one-	25X1
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- 7. Shop No. 7 was a forge shop. It was located in a two-story building (6), adjacent to the hull and coppersmith sections.
- Shop No. 9 was a motor repair shop and thermopower plant. The manager of the shop was Soviet Captain Second Rank Kublakov (fnu). His Latvian assistants were Saulesleja (fnu) and Pickins (fnu), and his foreman of the diesel section was the Latvian Balcers (fnu). Diesel, gasoline, and submarine engines were repaired in the one-story, red brick, motor repair shop building (7). The auxiliary thermopower plant, located in a one-story building (8), had two diesel engines. The steam plant (9), which provided heat for the whole plant, was located in the same building. A high chimney with a red light on top, was located at the northeast corner of this building (10). A concrete conduit, about 1.5 meters deep and two meters widefor carrying electric cables and steam ripes, went from this building to the Northern Basin where it branched off to the north and south (red line on sketch). This conduit was covered by seven-inch thick and 12-inch wide concrete slabs, and the cables were covered with sheet metal, lead, and rubber.
- 9. The artillery repair shop was located in the southern part of the highest building of the plant. This was a three or four-story high building with a glass dome on top (11).
- 10. The foundry, located in the same building as the turner shop (12), made pig iron screw propellers and brass, bronze, and aluminum castings. The manager was the Latvian Kadiss (fnu).
- 11. Shop No. 10 was an electrical shop consisting of a transformer station, battery charging, electrical, radio and radar, and a nickel-plating section. 25X1 The transformer station was located in a one-story building between the dry docks (13). The radio and radar section was in the northern part of a one-story rad brick building (11). The foremen was a Latvian. Ziverts (fnu).

was in the middle of this building and the nickel-plating and battery charging sections were in the southern wing of the building (16,.17). A Soviet captain second rank succeeded a Latvian with a Russian-sounding name as manager of Shop No. 10.

- 12. Mechanical Shop No. 1 was an instrument shop whose manager was the Latvian Pukis (fnu). It was located on the first floor of the same two-story red brick main office building (1). A part of this shop was also in a one-story annex (la). This shop included a section located in a separate building (18) which copper-coated motor bearings. The tempering section was located in the southern part of a one-story building (19). The oxygen tank-filling section located at the east dry dock (20) and the adjacent compression plant (21) were in this shop. The Latvian Ragovskis (fnu) was foreman of both of these sections.

 Two very large tanks which he had seen here 25X1 were filled with liquid air.
- 13. The factory repair shop, built in 1939, was located in the same building as the tempering section (22). It had a galvanizing section and a section for cleaning oxygen tubes, both located in an adjacent building (23). The manager of the shop was a Latvian, Supstiks (fhu).
- 14. The woodworking shop was located in the same building as the motor vehicle repair. shop (24). The manager was the Latvian Jundzis (Inu), and the foreman was the

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	Latvian Deikans (fhu). Ship's furniture, as well as moulds for casts and tackle were made here. The saw mill (25), steamery (26), and the life boat section (27) belonged to this shop. The life boat section was located on the top floor of a two-story, red brick, sheet metal-roof building. The foreman of the life boat section was the Latvian Deikans (fhu), brother of the general foreman of the woodworking shop.					
15.	The motor vehicle section was located in the same building as the dining room (28). The only new building, built in 1952, was the garage (29). It held 15-20 vehicles, some of which were busses used to carry office workers, three or four were Studebaker trucks, and the rest were ZISs. The chief mechanic was a Latvian Arvids Luba. The Latvians Osis (fhu), and Jansons (fhu), were the garage's chief drive Spare drivers accompanied the regular drivers on trips which took a few weeks.					
16.	The plant had its own vulcanizing shop (30) and a gasoline tank shaped like a concrete shelter (31). The plant had no periscope shop so that periscopes were sent to Leningrad to be repaired. However, a special brigade came from Leningrad to make minor periscope repairs. The torpedo cleaning shop, which exploded in 1947 or 1948, was located about 200 meters west of the southwest corner of the Northern Basin, on the northern shore of the Naval Harbor Canal. It was later restored at an unknown location.	25X1				
17.	The propulsion machinery store was the largest store at the plant. It occupied the greater part of a three or four-story building (32). The store had its own railroad spur. An oxygen tank store was located on the ground floor of a two-story, red brick, sheet metal-roof building (27). A gasoline and oil fuel store was located on the ground floor of the same type of building to the north (33). The light metal and electrical equipment store was on the top floor of this building. The storekeeper of this building was the Latvian Epermanis (fnu). The miscellaneous metal products store was located in a two-story, red brick building with a sheet metal roof, to the north (34). The tackle store occupied the eastern part of the last building to the north (35), and the plant fire brigade, with its two or three fire trucks, occupied the opposite part of this building. (36). The four stores across the railroad spum were of the same type of construction. Items such as ball bearings were stored in the northernmost military stores building (37). The upper floor of the next building (38) was to become the construction office and the eastern part of the one-story third building (39) were the billets of a Navy guard unit. The timber store was the next buildings to the south (41), and Sowiet plant workers were lodged in four buildings to the south of the timber store (43).	25X1				
18.	Dining rooms for Navy personnel were to the east of these tanks (44). The kitchen and dining room for Soviet workers, and the barber shop were located in the same building as the motor vehicle section (45). Only Soviet women worked in the dining room. A reasonable dinner cost seven rubles. The cloak room and lavatory were on the top floor in the southern part of the two-story building which housed the sheet metal section (46). An instrument store was on the ground floor, and the paint shop was located on both floors in the same building (47). A bathroom was located in a separate building (48), and hull plates were stored outdoors in front of the hull and coppersmith sections (49).	,				
19.	The manager of the docks and pumping plant was a Soviet captain second rank, Shalev (fnu). He was replaced at one time in the summer of 1952 by the Latvian Karlis Straums. Jansons (fnu) was foreman of the docks. The fitter-on-duty had his office in a one-story wooden building (50). The pumping plant, with its basement and sub-basement, was located between the two graving docks (51). A brick chimney was located to the east of the steam plant and was about 3/4 the length of the steam plant chimney (51a). The dock workers' office was located in the southern part of the transformer station (52))				
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building. The graving docks were unchanged except that a three-meter long and 1.5-meter wide extension was carved in the sloping end of the concrete wall of the eastern dock, to permit the docking of the KIROV and MAKSIM GORKIY.6 These docks, numbered 1 and 2, were nine meters deep and had five steps on both sides (see sketch No. 2, p.11). The upper four steps were two meters high and the lower step was one meter high. The sloping concrete end wall was covered by boards. Each keel block was about 1.8 meters long, 1.5 meters high, and 0.8 meter wide, and each had staples and clasps anchored in lead for fastening wooden blocks. The 20-meter-wide entrance of each dock was closed by a gate which was pulled out and back by steel cables. The western dock gate was pulled to the west, and the eastern dock gate was pulled to the east in the quay when the entrances were opened. The gate was pulled out between both docks in the direction of the quay when they were being closed (see sketch No. 3, p.11). Each gate had a round hatch, about 0.5 meter in diameter, and two one-meter square hatches. The round hatch was opened first, followed by the square hatches, when the dock was to be flooded. The gate was opened only when the water level in the dock reached the same level as that in the harbor. The edge of the gates was about one meter lower than the quay. A chain was attached below the edge of the quay. It was impossible to dewater both docks simultaneously, but if one was already dry, the other could then be emptied. However, it was possible to prevent the first from becoming flooded again. It now took six hours to dewater a dock with a ship in it, whereas, it once took 12 hours to dewater a dock. Flooding of a dock through the hatches took about two hours.

- 20. A gantry crane ran parallel to each graving dock. The western dock crane ran along the eastern side and the eastern dock crane ran along the western side of the dock (53). The maximum lift capacity of each gantry crane was ten tons, and the minimum lift capacity at the end of the arm was one ton. These two cranes belonged to Plant No. 29, unlike the floating cranes which belonged to the Naval Harbor. There were heavy-lift facilities in the industrial buildings of the plant as well. An overhead traveling crane with a maximum lift capacity of 35 tons was in the propulsion machinery store. It was used for carrying materials into the building from the railroad spur.* The hull and coppersmith sections had two overhead traveling cranes; the crane on the eastern side of the building had a maximum lift capacity of 12 tons, and the crane on the western side of the building had a maximum lift capacity of 3.5 tons.
- 21. The HERKULES, with a maximum lift capacity of about 50 tons, was the only self-propelled floating crane at the Naval Harbor. Another floating tripod crane had a maximum lift capacity of 75 tons. Also, there were three or four smaller floating cranes with a maximum lift capacity of 10-20 tons. All of these cranes belonged to the Naval Harbor and were not subordinate to Plant No. 29. A floating crane was sent into the dock together with the vessel if an object was too heavy for the dock cranes. A floating dock, usually anchored at the southeast end of the Northern Basin, had diesels which, in an emergency, could provide electric power for the whole plant (54). Its lifting capacity was 3,500 tons. Each of three smaller floating docks could lift vessels weighing up to 600 tons (54a). A 50-meter-long and 15-meter-wide floating workshop, resembling a ferry, was anchored for years at the northwest corner of the Northern Basin (55).
- 22. The only Secret Department located in Lepaya was responsible for the inner security at Plant No. 29. It was located in either Room 21 or 23 of the main office (1).

 | only Soviets were employed in this department. The Personnel Department, located in the building at the main gate (56), had similar duties to that of the Secret Department. Watchers who checked workers arriving and leaving the plant were located in the same building. Permits with a picture and a stamp were issued every year by the Personnel Department; these permits had to be shown to gain entrance into the plant. A special permit issued by the Personnel Department, was needed for working on a vessel. Another checkpoint, beside the one at the main gate, was located at Cate No. 2 (57). Night watchmen were also located in all the

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sections and stores. The watchers as well as the night watchmen, were old men who earned 250 rubles a month. The shippard was also guarded by a unit of seven or eight sailors. Two or three of the sailors were on sentry duty at the main gate, while others patrolled the wooden fence north of the main gate. The plant was inclosed by three kinds of fences:

- a. Wooden fence with barbed wire on top running from the Naval Harbor Canal to the main gate (58) and north to the living quarters of the Soviet workers (42).
- b. A barbed wire fence eastward from the living quarters of the Soviet workers (59) (sic, see sketch No. 1).
- c. An old brick wall along the northern part of the plant area (60).
- 23. The glass roofs on the hull and coppersmith section and the propulsion machinery shop were painted a camouflage blue two or three years after the war. The plant area was frequently dark at night because of the many air alarms. It was, therefore, dangerous to move around the area on such occasions.
- 24. The only rail line into the shipyard area came from the north (63). The longer of its three spurs ended between the graving docks. The rail line, which came into the shipyard from the east and ran parallel to the Northern Basin, was abandoned. Another rail line from the east passed the Lepaya Sugar Refinery and ended at the main gate (64). It was used by city workers of Plant No. 29.
- 25. The telephone switchboard was located in the building at the main gate (56). 10
 Plant telephones had four numbers. The club of Plant No. 29 was located at
 No. 9 on the north side of Pumpura Street, between Stendera and Zofijas Street,
 in Veclepaya. Social affairs and dances were held at the club. The Latvian
 Benkis (fhu) was club manager.
- New Soviet methods of production and some new machinery at the plant resulted in workers becoming more skilled after the Soviet occupation.

 this was because of the Latvians eagerness to learn. The plant had new and modern American-made machinery while the largest part of the tools, e.g., air hammers, were obsolete. The condition of the buildings was generally satisfactory, but no new building, except for the garage, had been built since the Soviet occupation. Soviet workers were very proud of their progress in modern technology. They would often say: "We graduated from elementary school during the First World War, but during the Second World War, we graduated from the university."
- 27. Except for urgent projects, there was no regular three-shift work at the plant. Welders and turners sometimes worked two shifts, and diesel workers had worked overtime.
- 28. The welding section manufactured 27 50-ton fuel tanks from March until August 1952. The tanks were three meters in diameter and were welded of four milimeter steel plates. The rounded ends were welded and the entire tank was painted red (see sketch No. 4, p.12). the tanks were coated with a pitch-like substance, a sack-like cloth, and another layer of each, respectively. They were transported on freight cars smaller than the tanks to airfields at unknown destinations, where they were used underground. The plant's first attempt at this type of manufacture was successful and resulted in an order for a new group of tanks to be made.
- 29. There were four apartment buildings outside the brick wall north of the plant area (61) and two apartment buildings for the plant engineers in the curve of the brick wall east of the second gate (62).

Lepaya Sugar Refinery

30. The Lepaya Sugar Refinery was located southeast of Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Plant No. 29. All production was done in a large building with a high, black-metal chimney (65). The southern wall of the refinery was some 20 meters from the Naval Harbor Canal. Warehouses were located to the west of the main building (66). A peat-storage area was further to the west (67). This area was inclosed from the west and north by a wooden fence with barbed wire on top,

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and from the east by a wooden fence. The refinery's administration building (69) was located across from the two rail lines, northwest of the main refinery (68). Another warehouse was located to the west of the administration building (70).

31. A cattle feeding area was located between the eastern end of the Naval Harbor Canal and the road leading from the plant and refinery to Lepaya (71).

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1.	the factory has had the name of Plant No. 29	25X1	
2.	the total number of workers at the plant is esti- mated to be around 2,500, with approximately 1,000 civilians and an equal number of sailors.	25X1	
3.	the name of the chief engineer as Zavruchin.		
4.	the name of the director of Workshop No. 1 as Captain Second Rank Chakchiv.	25X1	
5.	the name of the manager of the docks and pumping station as Captain First Rank Shalov.	25 X 1	
6.	the dry dock had been eight meters short of the length necessary to properly accommodate the KIROV, and that this required length was carved out of the sloping concrete end wall.		
7•	these dry docks had six steps on both sides.		
8.	it took 12 hours to dewater a dry dock.		
9•	the lift facilities at the Naval Harbor consist of:	25X1	
	 a. Two one-ton cranes on rails at the southern quay of the city canal. b. Two cranes with scoops, on rails, at the coal port, east quay of the winter harbor. c. The 25-ton, self-propelled HERKULES floating crane. 		
	d. A 175 or 17.5 ton floating tripod crane, belonging to the shipyard.		
10.	places the telephone central between the administration building at (69) and the guard room at (56).	25 X 1	
11.	the following shops worked three shifts: Shops naving lathes, frazing and bore machines, welding shop, electrical-transformer stations, and the large floating dock.	25 X 1	

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Legend to Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Plant No. 29

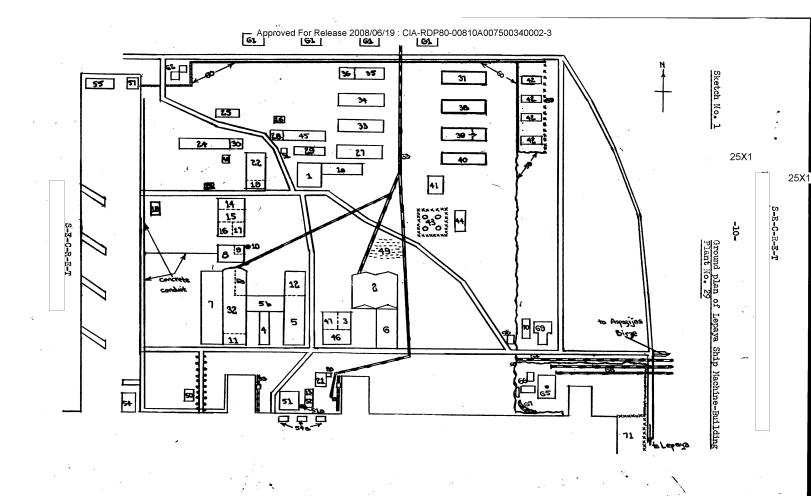
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14. Radio and radar section 15. Electrical section 16. Nickel-plating section 17. Battery charging section 18. Mechanical Shop No. 1 19. Tempering section 20. Oxygen tank-filling section 21. Compression plant 22. Repair shop 23. Galvanizing section 24. Woodworking shop 25. Saw mill 26. Steamery 27. Life boat section, oxygen tank store 28. Motor vehicle section 29. Garage 30. Vulcanizing shop 31. Gasoline tank 32. Propulsion machinery store 33. Gasoline and oil fuel store 34. Miscellaneous metal products store 35. Tackle store 36. Fire brigade 37. Military stores building 38. Proposed construction office 39. Navy guard billets 40. Unknown 41. Timber store 42. Lodgings for Soviet workers 43. Fuel tanks 14. Navy personnel dining room 45. Kitchen, dining room, and barber shop for Soviet workers 46. Cloak room and lavatory 47. Instrument store, paint shop 48. Bathroom 49. Outdoor storage area for hull plates 50. Fitter's office 51. Pumping plant Brick chimney Dock workers office Two dock gantry cranes Floating dock, large Floating docks, three small

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Personnel Department, main gate, telephone exchange

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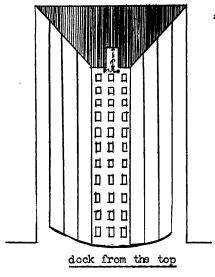
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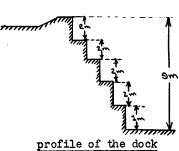
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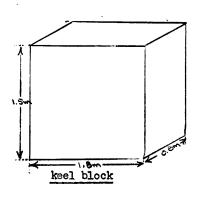
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Sketch No. 2

Graving dock at Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Plant No. 29



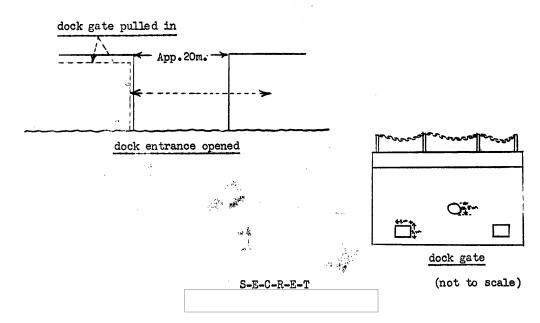




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Sketch No. 3

Operation of the graving dock gates at Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Plant No. 29

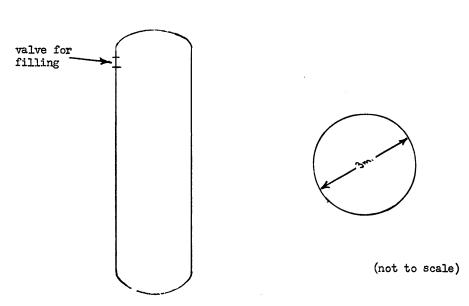




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Sketch No. 4



Fuel tank manufactured at the Lepaya Ship Machine-Building Flant No. 29

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