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1. In August 1950, a number of technical and administrative employees, as well as a considerable number of workers, were dismissed at the Molotov Radio Plant in Minsk. Most all of those affected were persons who had not held Soviet nationality prior to 1939. At the same time the plant was converted into a secret one, and the main production effort was switched over to secret appliances, apparently military radio equipment, while the radio sets became accessory production items (no details on the new products or as to whether the plant bore a designation number).

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2. The reports listed below on Minsk and the Ministry of State Farms in Saratov

Attachment 1: A three-page report on the Mechanical Plant of the Ministry of State Farms in Saratov, including general information on the sections and on individuals employed there.

Attachment 2: An overlay and legend of the city of Minsk, scale 1:12,500. Industrial installations, public buildings, and streets are located. (Of special interest may be Yubileynaya ploshchad.)

Attachment 3: A four-page report on the Molotov Radio Plant, the Minsk Radio Plant, and the Chkalov Instrument Plant in Minsk.

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Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova

1. In 1950, there were two radio factories in Minsk: the Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova and the Minski Radio Zavod (the name of the former was changed after the death of Molotov but it was not known).¹ The Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova was the former Elektrod Plant, which had been transferred to Minsk from Vilnius in 1939, at which time it was renamed. The plant was completely destroyed during World War II, but was reconstructed immediately after the war and resumed regular production in 1946. It was located on the right-hand side (viewed from the center of town) of prospekt Stalin, the main thoroughfare of Minsk (street number unknown). The plant consisted of several

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interconnected buildings which in effect formed one three-story structure, with an interior yard.

2. Until 1950, the Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova produced popular-priced radio sets only, namely the Pioneer, Minsk, and Belorus. In August 1950, a number of technical and administrative employees, as well as a considerable number of workers, were dismissed; almost all of those affected were persons who had not held Soviet nationality prior to 1939. At the same time, the plant was converted into a secret one, and the main production effort was switched over to secret appliances, apparently military radio equipment, while the radio sets became accessory production items (no details on the new products or as to whether the plant bore a designation number).
3. The plant had five or six sections, including a mechanical shop, an assembly shop, a carpentry shop, and a galvanizing section. The total staff was about 1,500, mostly women, including about 100 engineers and technicians. Except for the mechanical shop, the plant operated in one shift. The mechanical shop worked in two shifts.

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Minski Radio Zavod

4. Construction of the Minski Radio Zavod, the other radio plant in Minsk, was begun in 1951 under the direction of David Lvovich Yudelevich. An engineer and economist, Yudelevich had been director general of Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova from 1939 to 1951, exclusive of the war years. The plant was believed to manufacture only radio sets for civilian use, including the Belorus type, and television sets. Judging from its outside (no description), the factory seemed larger than Radio Zavod Imeni Molotova. It was also located almost in the center of town (no details).

Instrumentalniy Zavod Imeni Chkalova

5. The Instrumentalniy Zavod Imeni Chkalova, a tools factory in the center of Minsk (no information on exact address) had been operating under the same name and at the same location since before World War II. In mid-1957, it employed 500 to 600 persons and consisted of three buildings, two of which were ground floor structures and one one-story. The factory comprised a forge, a mechanical shop, and a hardening shop.

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The mechanical shop, the largest unit of the factory, had 10-12 machines, the most powerful of which was a 70-ton press.

6. The products of the Instrumentalnyi Zavod Imeni Chkalova were destined for the local metal and plastics industry; they consisted of dies, casting molds, and other work appliances (no details).

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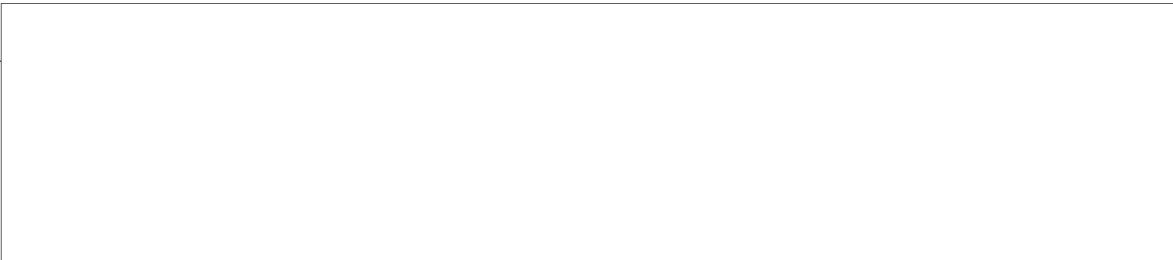
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**COUNTRY:**

USSR (Saratov Oblast)

SUBJECT:The Mechanical Plant of the Ministry of
State Farms in Saratov50X1-HUM


1. The Mechanical Plant of the Ministry of State Farms (Mekhanicheskii Zavod Ministerstva Sovkhozov) in Saratov [N 51-34, E 46-02] was located at 109 Chernishevskiy Street. Until its transfer to this ministry in 1955, the factory had been subordinate to the Ministry of Heavy Industry. The factory was among those which had been evacuated from Orehovo at the outbreak of the war and which had remained in Saratov ever since.

2. The factory, employing about 600 workers, serviced the machinery belonging to the state farms of the RSFSR. It mainly produced motors for mobile power stations used in agriculture;


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only the motor itself was made by the factory, as the generators were received ready-made from other plants. The factory also produced dies for the manufacture of agricultural machine parts.

3. The factory had the following sections:

a. A foundry with two cupola furnaces (Vagrantsy), each furnace having a capacity of two-three tons.

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b. A mechanical section

c. A section which assembled the motors for the mobile power stations. The motor was then connected to the generator and the whole installation was mounted on wheels.

4. The following individuals were employed with the Mechanical Plant in Saratov:

a. Agapov (fn), secretary of the factory's Party cell,

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b. Isak Oripovich Karas was director of the factory.

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c. Khaykin (fn), production manager

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d. Petrova (fmu), female, was director of the personnel
and special sections.

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e. Pirogov (fmu), chief engineer of the factory

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Installations

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12. The following is a legend to the attached overlay of the town plan
of Minsk, scale 1:12,500:

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- ✓ A. Ulitsa Chkalova
- ✓ B. Ulitsa Moskovskaya
- ✓ C. Ulitsa Dzerzhinskogo
- ✓ D. Ulitsa Nogina
- ✓ E. Ulitsa Rozy Luksemburg
- ✓ F. Gazetny Pereulok
- ✓ G. Ulitsa Liebknekhta
- ✓ H. Ulitsa Transportnaya
- ✓ I. Ulitsa Kolektornaya
- ✓ J. Ulitsa Respublikanskaya
- ✓ K. Ulitsa Opanskogo
- ✓ L. Ulitsa Tamiryazeva
- ✓ M. Ulitsa Ostrovszkogo
- ✓ N. Yubileynaya Ploshchad

1. Minsk northern railroad station
2. Dredge and crane repair shop
3. Food stores of the municipal trade agency

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4. Camp of an MVD unit (known as Bepolk)
5. Penicillin factory ✓
6. Warehouses ✓
7. Road bridge over railroad ✓
8. Kaganovich shoe factory ✓
9. No. 1 prison
10. ~~M~~GB compound
11. MVD building
12. Telephone exchange
13. Dispensary for high functionaries (Lechsanupravlenye)
14. No. 3 municipal hospital
15. Headquarters of the Belorussian military district (BVO).
16. Barracks of the BVO headquarters
- ✓ 17. Central Committee of the Belorussian Communist Party.
18. Officers club
19. Thermal power plant (not in operation)
- ✓ 20. Air force command of the BVO
21. Overhead bridge for pedestrians in Chekhov Park
- ✓ 22. Kruglaya Ploshchad
- 23, 37. Not known
- ✓ 24. Jamming station

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- ✓ 25. Television station
- 26. Residential area
- 27. Dosaaf offices
- 28. Metal machine tools factory
- 29. Military camp (including a military factory)
- 30. Hospital for contagious diseases
- ✓ 31. Polytechnical institute
- ✓ 32. College for instruction on agricultural machinery
- ✓ 33 or 34. No. 1 municipal hospital (other number not known)
- 35. Factory No. 104
- ✓ 36. Electrotechnical college
- 38. Marketing warehouses for chemical products and textiles
- 39. Fuel depot ✓
- 40. Warehouse area ✓
- 41. Vehicle repair shop ✓
- 42. Machine tools factory for metal processing
- 43. Tire vulcanization factory
- 44. Voroshilov factory (milling machines and other machine tools for metal processing)
- 45. Starch factory
- ✓ 46. Main post office and Ministry of Communications

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- ✓ 47. Medical college
- ✓ 48. Government House
- 49. Supreme Court of the Belorussian SSR
- 50. Headquarters of Frontier Guard

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