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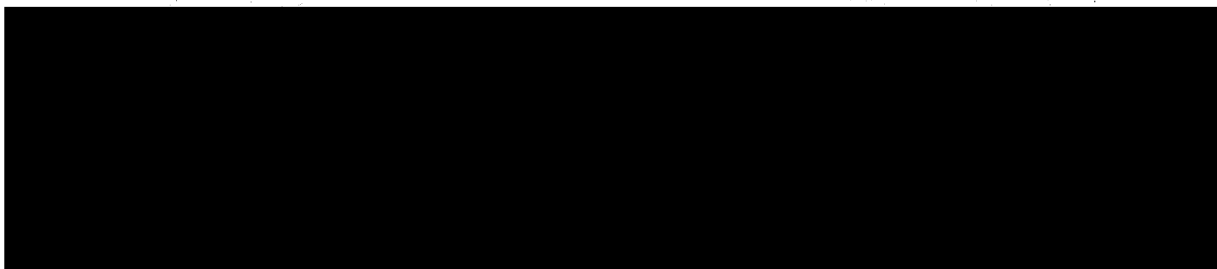
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1. Minister President Paul and leading officials of the Industry Department of Thuringia met recently with Thuringian SMA officials. The Russian officials informed them that a number of enterprises must be closed because of the shortage of raw materials since no more materials can be furnished by Russia. The only possibility of keeping these works open after their present orders are completed lies in an improvement of trade with the western zones.
2. SMA also informed the Germans of plans to dismantle certain firms and use their specialists for compulsory labor elsewhere. The following firms were named:

Gustloff-Werke, Weimar
 Sangerhausen Maschinenfabrik, Sangerhausen
 Carl Zeiss, Jena
 BMW, Eisenach
 Paul Auerbach, Saalfeld
 80% of Thuringia's textile industries

3. Dr. Paul pointed out that unemployment would follow the closing of factories. Colonel Siankov, SMA Weimar, replied that this might give more workers the necessary impulse to go to Russia voluntarily. He added that the political parties must embark on a propaganda campaign to combat the present German fear of deportation to Russia.
4. Officials of the Industry Department suggested getting raw material from the Harz or other regions in the Russian Zone. The SMA representative replied that this is neither desired nor intended.
5. German officials told source that, as a result of SMA's attitude, the workers are turning from the SED to the CDU and SPD.

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