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1. The Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei in Leipzig, formerly Giesecke & Devrient, is still fully occupied in printing Soviet Zone identity papers, necessitating an increase in personnel from 700 to 1100.
2. The firm is also preparing plates for a new German currency for which the necessary paper stocks are already stored in the plant. The plates have not yet been approved by the SMA in Karlshorst, and judging from the numbering system ordered at Luckenwalde it is believed that the contours of the new currency will be similar to the present Ostmark. It was also learned that the present Ostmark was printed in Moscow from plates made at the Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei in Leipzig.

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