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1. German Locomotive Column 1, handling the Soviet leave trains, was originally equipped with type 52 locomotives. The column was re-equipped in January 1949 with type 01 locomotives furnished by the Erfurt railroad district. In April 1950 the German personnel were changed for Soviet personnel and the column was merged with Soviet Locomotive Column No 42, then stationed in Frankfurt/Oder. The German personnel of Locomotive Column No 1 were assigned other railroad missions. Soviet Locomotive Column No 42 was equipped with German type 01 locomotives. the two locomotive columns mentioned were equipped with 10 to 12 locomotives each but that only eight, instead of the usual 11 men, were assigned to each brigade. Locomotive Column No 42 also operates the Blue Express. 50X1-HUM
2. The Soviet leave trains operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk are being run by Soviet Locomotive Column No 42. It is planned to have the Blue Express, previously run by Locomotive Column No 42, operated by German personnel after 1 January 1951. The Soviet railroadmen mentioned that they would presumably be transferred to the Leningrad area. Locomotive Column No 1 has been deactivated.
3. The Blue Express running from Berlin-Wildpark via Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk is handled by Soviet Locomotive Column No 42.
4. The Blue Express and the Soviet leave trains operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk are run by Soviet Locomotive Column No 42. This column is stationed in Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk, but elements of it are also located in Seddin. \*

\* Comment. The trains concerned are the pair of Soviet express trains operating daily between Berlin and Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder and the two pairs of leave trains operating daily between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk. One pair of leave trains will be cancelled if they are not required. 50X1-HUM

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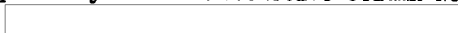
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The deactivation of Locomotive Column No 1 and the taking over of its missions and equipment by Soviet Locomotive Column No 42 were reported previously.  It remains to be seen whether the trains mentioned will be operated by a German locomotive column after 1 January 1951.

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