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... in 1950, that blueprints were required to be submitted for a freight car repair shop. Such an installation was to be capable of handling a total of 140 damaged freight cars daily, including 28 bogie cars. According to the SMA ordered the designs because the car repair installations in the USSR were no longer capable of handling the greatly increased traffic on the railroad lines of the Donets, the Ural, and Kusnetzk areas. Freight car repair shops were to be established in Kiev, Rostov, Moscow, Chelyabinsk and Novosibirsk. The freight car repair shop in Mogilev, which was used by the Germans during the war, has been enlarged.*

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Comment: It was reported previously that German railroad experts had drawn-up blueprints for the layout of modern railroad repair shops for the Russians. The recent order of the SMA shows that the Russians are greatly interested in German designs and that they presumably intend to adapt their freight car repair shops to German prototypes.

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