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INDUSTRIAL PURCHASES IN SWEDEN.

SOURCE STOCKHOLM: A reliable Swedish businessman.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

EVAL. COMMENT: The endeavors to purchase the equipment for a razor-blade factory may be explained by the fact that razor-blades produced at present in Hungary are of so poor a quality that their sale is rather difficult. Western made razor-blades are sold on the black market at a much higher price than those manufactured in Hungary. The Regime feels that some improvement has to take place in this field.

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Since a couple of months the trade department of the Hungarian Legation in STOCKHOLM has been seeking to buy the complete equipment of a razor-blade factory in this country but hitherto without success as this sale is sabotaged by the Union of Swedish Engineering Industrialists /Verkstadsindustri-förbundet/ since razor-blades are a most profitable export article to East bloc countries and paid for in pounds sterling.

The Hungarian Legation is also looking for whatever data they can obtain ^{on} automobile and industrial producer gas aggregates. During the recent war all Swedish automobiles and trucks ran on producer gas, but the industrial output of the appropriate aggregates has been discontinued since the war and only the army is still experimenting with this power source. It is

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generally known that Sweden got further with the use of producer gas than any other country. The Hungarians say that, apart from the possibility of obtaining blueprints, etc. of the above aggregates, they are also very interested in literature on the subject.

In May of this year an "Atomic Fair" will be opened in GOTHENBURG. No Iron Curtain country except Russia is exhibiting there. The Russians are expected to show a mobile power plant. The Hungarian trade delegation will send a permanent observer to the Fair, who will stay there as long as it lasts.

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