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AMERICAN PLANTS IN GERMANY IN USE

Representatives Find Factories Less Damaged Than Expected After Tour in U. S. Zone

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FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, Germany, April 19—A total of 200 American business men have visited the United States zone of occupation and Berlin since last October to inspect the property of their concerns and investigate the possibilities of exports from Germany, military government sources disclosed today. About thirty are in Germany at present.

Most business men have found that their properties were less damaged than expected and have been partly responsible for the resumption of the export of such products as chemical and optical goods that will help balance the cost of necessary imports into Germany.

Hitherto, business men have enjoyed the use of most Army transportation facilities and billets free of charge because machinery to collect fees had not been set up, but they, along with newspaper correspondents, are to be put on a "pay-as-you-go" basis in the next few weeks. A vehicle with a driver will cost a minimum of \$15 a day, billets about \$2 and food about \$1 a day.

A few business visitors have rated "very important person" treatment, having been assigned to generals' quarters, such as the Victory guest house near Frankfort, but most get regular officers' billets. These can rarely be compared with first-class American hotels in comfort, but are clean and heated.

No arrangements have been made yet for American business men to visit the British, French or Russian zones of occupation nor for non-American business men to enter the United States zone. It is expected, however, that agreements to exchange visitors with the British and French will be worked out in the next few months. Differences regarding the removal of American-owned property from the Russian zone are expected to hold up any agreement with the Russians.

Among the American visitors have been representatives of the following companies: Chicago Pneumatic Tool, General Milk, American Overseas Airlines, Socony Vacuum, Commercial Decal, Farrand Optical, Dentists Supply of New York, Blow Knox Autoclave, General Motors, Standard Oil, Goodyear Rubber, American Cyanide, United Fruit, Texas Oil, Illinois Tool Works, Remington Rand, International Business Machines, International Telephone and Telegraph, American Telephone and Telegraph, International Harvester, Nestle-LeMur, E. R. Squibb and Bode-Voight.