

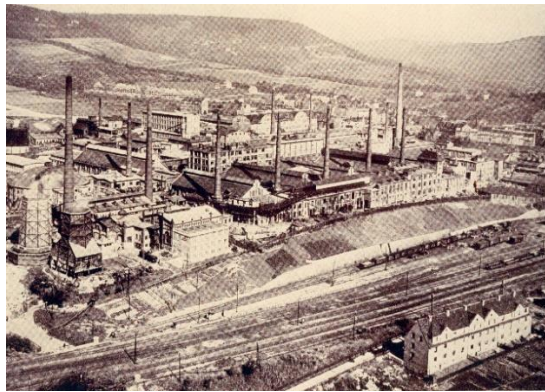
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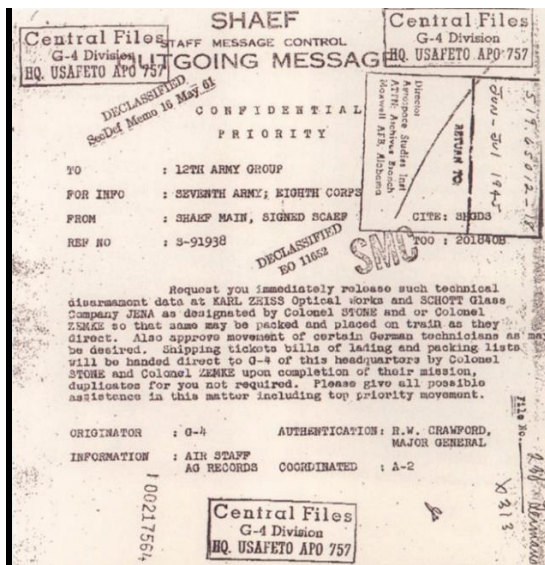
Mainz, Jena (Germany)

**The end of the war brought the deepest cut in company history
SCHOTT celebrates the legendary “Odyssey of 41 Glassmakers” 75 years ago**

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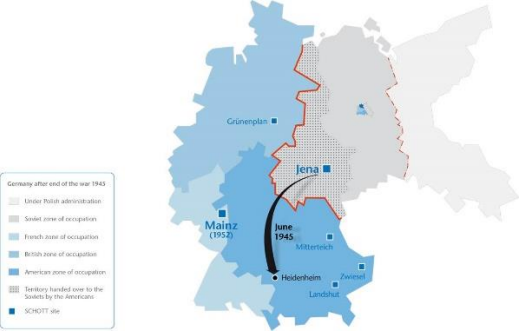

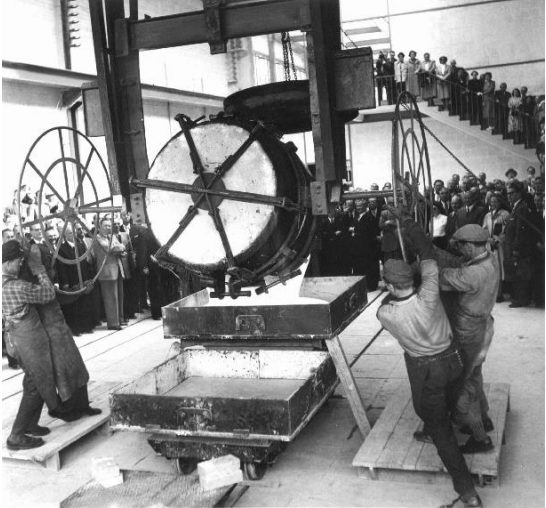

The Jena glass factory Schott & Gen. around 1940. At that time, it was already one of the leading specialty glass manufacturers worldwide.



In June 1945, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force SHAEF in Paris decreed the transfer of managers and specialists from the foundation companies SCHOTT and Carl Zeiss to the west of Germany.



The “41 glassmakers” and their families were transported from Jena to the West in two such American military convoys on June 25 and 26, 1945. Each family was assigned a truck to transport their household goods.

 <p>Germany after end of the war 1945</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Polish administration Soviet zone of occupation French zone of occupation British zone of occupation American zone of occupation Regions handed over to the Soviets by the Americans SCHOTT site 	<p>Germany was divided into four occupation zones after World War II. “The Odyssey of the 41 Glassmakers” initially led from Jena to Heidenheim an der Brenz in the American occupation zone. In 1946, the SCHOTT employees in the West gradually resumed production at the plants in Zwiesel, Mitterteich and Landshut.</p>
	<p>The glassmakers from Jena who were relocated to the Zwiesel plant from Heidenheim started producing optical glass again in June of 1946.</p>
	<p>The new main plant in Mainz was opened on May 10, 1952, by casting optical glass. This marked the end of “The Odyssey of the 41 Glassmakers.”</p>
	<p>A bird's eye view of the new plant in Mainz in 1952.</p>

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