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1. The Textile Trust, with offices in Prague, controls the textile industry. All textile factories are assembled in 24 textile combines, and for this purpose the country is divided into 24 districts.

2. A representative of the Defense Ministry sits on the directorate of each combine to see that the armed forces get what they need. A Soviet commission also sits with each combine to control export-import matters. No deviation from ordered deliveries to the USSR is permitted.

3. The combines are Mosilana, Vlnena, Vlnap, Merina, Vitka, Opatova, Ohara, Textilana, Slovena, Sukno, Vlnareske Zavordni, Trenčín 1, Aš, Hunpeletz, Svitávka, Strakonice, Žilina, Brno 1, Brno 2, Brno 3, Fesko, Trenčín 2, Liberec and Jihlava.

4. There are five combines that produce only carpets: Hrako, Brno, Moravan and Aš.

5. The Liberec combine is the successor of the Liebig factory of Reichenberg. Engineer Kolompacek has been the director since 1951, a very able man. The factory has 400 technicians and office workers and 2,500 workers, about 40 percent of whom are women. The average worker makes 5,000 to 6,000 kronen a month. Monthly production is 6,500 m of uniform material for the army, 2,000 m of uniform material for the SNB (National Security Services), 10,000 m of uniform material for Russia, 8,000 m of high-grade wool material for export, and 10,000 m of low-grade material for home consumption. The last is only 33 percent wool.

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