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1. An airfield for the use of jet fighters has been built close to the village of Beching since the summer of 1953. The concrete runway and several modern hangars were finished by the end of the year. At present work is still continuing on barracks and depots.

2. The still incomplete field is occupied by a Czechoslovak squadron of jet fighters.

3. Near the village of Liblice, where several military camps and youth camps are located, there is a military airfield, which is occupied by a training unit of the Czech Air Force. There is much air activity, but jets have not been observed.

4. The state building undertaking has work in progress at the airfields of Česka-Lipa and Niemes, where some underground hangars have been completed and others are being built.

5. A new airfield has been built 5 km southwest of the village of Postoloprty. The field is 2,100 by 1,200 m. The ground is loam, overgrown with the grass and drained. The runway extends from northeast to southwest and is over 1,650 m long. Its exact length cannot be given, because it is built of prefabricated concrete sections, and new ones are occasionally added. A taxi strip runs from the middle of the runway in a southeasterly direction, and another in a westerly direction. Various hangars and barracks are under construction but none of them are yet occupied. Excavation work is in progress for underground tanks. The work was pushed rapidly at the start but the pace has now become slower. A civilian staff of 22 is in charge, while the actual labor is furnished by a PTP battalion of about 400 men. The commandant is 1st Lt. Hornansky, 41 years old. The food of the battalion is quite adequate.

6. At the field there are also a guard platoon of militia and a group of technical workers, about 240 strong, from one of the state building undertakings. The field will be finished by the summer of 1954. 25X1

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