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- The foundations for an atomic reactor installation are being built at Salaspils; part of the reactor structure will be of aluminum.
- A government installation is under construction in the Bikernieku area. It extends about 300 meters along Dzerbenes iela, 250 meters on Krivu iela, and 200 meters along Aizkraukles iela. Two two-story shops about 100 meters long have been built in the area and foundations for three other such buildings are being built. The area is surrounded by two fences separated by a cleared area ten meters wide; one fence is a three- to four-meter-high board fence topped with barbed wire. At each corner is a guard tower, and the area is guarded day and night.

Heavy construction work is under way across from Krusta Church, beginning at the Viskalu iela overpass along the Riga-Leningrad railroad, at the beginning of Ciekurkalns. The installation is surrounded by a three-meter-high board fence topped with barbed wire, and runs along the railroad for 300 meters and along Viskalu iela for 200 meters. Two large buildings have already been built, one of which is three-story with wide windows, while the other is two-story; there are no windows on the railroad side of the installation. It is guarded.

Important construction also is going on on Big Vejkaku Island. A 300-meter-long one-story building is located inside this installation, which runs along Rankas iela for about 300 meters. It is surrounded by two fences, the outer one being a three- to four-meter-high board fence topped with barbed wire, and guard towers are located at each corner. About ten meters inside the outer fence is a barbed-wire fence about two meters high. Foundations for other buildings like the one already built are being laid down.

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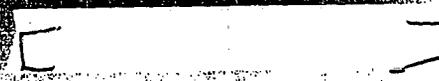
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