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1. In August 1952 approximately 1,500 families in Wroclaw (Breslau), who were engaged in private businesses, received orders to move at least 50 kilometers from the city. This order was not enforced, reportedly because elections for the Sejm were in progress.
2. In June 1952 the Wroclaw authorities began to issue permits for private enterprises and even to provide space for those who obtained permits. When these enterprises were well established, they were taxed so heavily that not one was able to pay the assessment.
3. In the fall of 1952 many workers were discharged by their cooperatives. They were not hired by other businesses, since the aim of this action was to force them into the coal mines.
4. Street searches are carried out regularly, and those found without work cards are imprisoned for two to three months. If one is caught a second time he is sentenced to six months or more in prison. Some men who were 60 years old have been arrested for failure to have a work card.
5. The Wroclaw prisons are always overcrowded, even though prisoners are taken daily to labor camps. A cell in the large prisons on Ulica Sadowa and Ulica Kleczko, in which the Germans held three inmates, now hold 10 to 14 inmates. Many prisoners are held for long periods at police stations. Approximately 10,000 prisoners are always held in Wroclaw.

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