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1. The following number of empty railroad freight cars were dispatched abroad in March 1953:

- U.S.S.R. (Brest Litovsk)
 - 3,950 boxcars (for grain)
 - 5,442 gondola cars (for ore)
 - 292 flatcars (R, S, SS, SSy, RRY type)
 - 244 refrigerator cars (for fats)
- Poland
 - 2,846 gondola cars (for coal)
- Hungary
 - 36 refrigerator cars (for meat and vegetable)
- Rumania
 - 8 refrigerator cars (for meat)

2. During the same period, the following numbers of foreign railroad cars were made available for the East German railroad administration:

- Polish
 - 4,032 cars (for potash to Poland)
- Czechoslovakian
 - 3,428 cars (for potash to Czechoslovakia) 2

1. **Comment.** As compared with February, there were the following changes in the number of freight cars dispatched abroad:
U.S.S.R. The number of boxcars for grain imports decreased by 180 units, while the number of gondola cars for ore shipments increased by 2,300. The number of flatcars increased by 130, which indicates increased weapons and tank shipments, possibly for the KVP. However, no such shipments were observed prior to late March.
Poland. The number of gondola cars for coal shipments increased by about 200 percent. Reports on freight traffic through the Guben, Forst and Horka border stations indicated that westbound hard coal shipments were increasing.
2. **Comment.** The number of cars furnished by Poland for potash shipments increased by more than 300 percent.

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