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1. A new uranium mine was opened in November 1952 between the communities of Zadna Chodov and Broumov (both N 50/P 55), near Mariánské Lázně (N 50/P 56). The new mine employs only civilians and Soviet technicians, but it is alleged that some 5,000 workers will be employed there before the end of 1953. The entire area has been surrounded by a high barbed-wire fence. Work is carried on in three shifts seven days a week.
2. An old silver mine on the Kank Hill, north of Kutna Hora (o 50/M 37), has been put into operation by the Central Bohemian Ore Mines (Stredoceske rudne doly), Turkank. During World War II the Germans at one time tried to obtain silver from the mine, but it had been exhausted and they discontinued their efforts. Knowing this, the local population believes that low-grade uranium ore is now being extracted from the mine.

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