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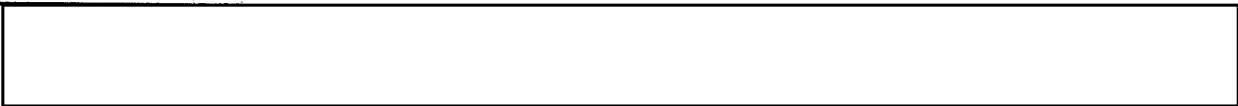
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1. On about 15 November 1953 there was an explosion in a chemical factory in Usti nad Labem which killed 30 women workers. The plant was manufacturing glycerine at the time.

2. On 27 December 1953, a blast furnace exploded at the Poldi iron works at Kladno, Czechoslovakia. Since the explosion occurred at the time the furnace was being charged, the police suspect sabotage. A number of workers were injured and the blast furnace was damaged extensively.

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1. Comment: Possibly the Association for Chemical and Metallurgical Production, Usti nad Labem.

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