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2. Prezydent Coal Mine at Chorzow

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1. The Jowisz Coal Mine at Wojkowice Komorne (N50-22, E19-04) employs approximately 1,900 civilian miners and about 1,000 soldiers of the 5th Labor Battalion. The depth of the coal mine is 350 meters. In 1948-49, this mine produced from 78,000 to 82,000 tons of coal per month. By 1954, it had increased its production to between 98,000 and 100,000 tons monthly. It is believed that the Jowisz Mine has reached its maximum potential and that it cannot exceed the 1954 figure in tonnage output per month.

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2. The Prezydent Coal Mine at Chorzow employs approximately 1,500 civilians and about 600 soldiers belonging to the 9th Labor Battalion. The 1948-49 output at this mine was from 105,000 to 110,000 tons of coal per month, whereas in 1954, its production fell to a little below 100,000 tons monthly, probably about 95,000. The decrease can be attributed to two factors: the mine shaft had been deepened to 220 meters (formerly it was only 100 meters); and a passive opposition had arisen as a result of the spring of 1954 disaster at the Barbara II Mine. 1

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Comment: Since the accident in the spring of 1954 at Barbara II, that mine has been inactive, and from all outward signs, it will remain so indefinitely.

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