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TOPIC Reserve of Rolling Stock for Military Purposes.

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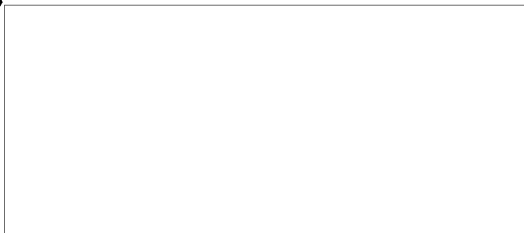
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This is UNEVALUATED Information

The Czechoslovakian Ministry of National Defense in Prague issued an order to the effect that an average number of 50 railroad cars be kept available for military purposes at railroad stations of all military posts in the border area. This order has been complied with. The railroad cars parked carry special labels marked with a conspicuous yellow disc. 25X1

The new measure hampers general railroad operations. At some of the railroad stations involved the cars parked block sidings; moreover, the parking of so many boxcars increased the shortage of rolling stock in the country. The Czech railroad administration was, allegedly, compelled to borrow a number of boxcars from neighboring countries. 25X1

Comment. The information contained in the present report is believed to be correct. The measure reported was probably taken by order of the Soviets. The Soviets keep a reserve of locomotives and troop cars in border areas for possible troop movements. Although there is a chronic shortage of rolling stock in the USSR, this reserve must never be drawn upon for non-military purposes.



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