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1. In early 1955, it was observed that an unusually large number of buildings in Beuthen, Miechowide, and Rokitniza had to be anchored because the ground had sunk. The entire middle aisle of the old church at Miechowide had to be propped up, and a school was dismantled because of damage due to ground sinking. The damage was caused because the galleries of worked-out coal layers were not filled with waste or sand and were simply walled up after gallery props had been removed.

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2. Destroyed buildings at Miechowies and Beuthen have not been reconstructed. On the other hand, there was intensive building activity toward the west of these there. It was rumored that the whole area ground Beuthen would be evacuated for mining gurposes. Pensioners and widows in this area were notified that they would have to look for new housing facilities west of Beuthen because their dwellings would be needed for workers.



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