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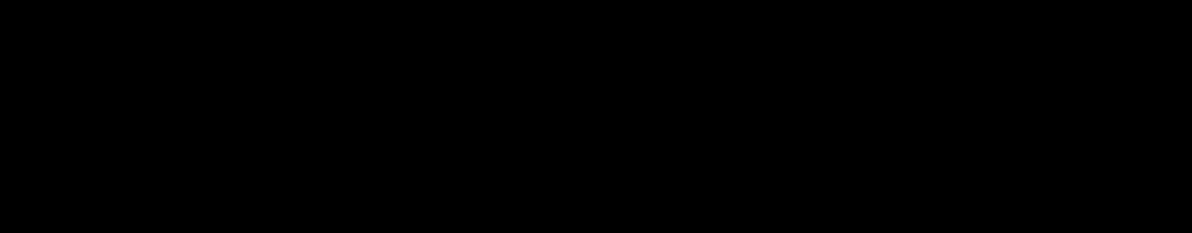
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1. The SMA has set the coal production quota for the mines of Brandenburg for the second quarter of 1947 at 2,940,000 tons. The quota for briquette manufacture is 912,000 tons.

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2. Conforming to an SMA order, dated 9 April 1947, the caterpillar bucket excavators in the Finkenheerd mine (V62) are being dismantled. Two excavators remain in the mine and are capable of maintaining a certain degree of production. The breakdown of one of these would seriously impair electric current delivery from the Märkische Elektrizitätswerk, which generates "sixty percent of the power used in the province."

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Comment: these new dismantlings caused astonishment around the provincial administration, since it was believed that extensive dismantlings of mining properties had been discontinued.

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Comment: the actual average daily production of coal in Brandenburg for the month of March was 52,000 tons, or 1,300,000 tons for the month as based on twenty-five working days. The present quota for the second quarter is, therefore, approximately one million tons less than it would have been if continued at the rate of production at the close of the first quarter. The total 1946 coal production in Brandenburg was 17,200,000 tons,

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