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1. There is an acute shortage of raw naphtha in Czechoslovakia. The Fanto Works in Pardubice had reduced the working period to one half of a shift.

2. The Mannesmann factory in Pardubice (pipes) has been idle for two weeks because of shortage of raw materials. (The work is limited to cleaning the machines.)

3. There is a great shortage of rare metals and ball bearings. Procurement of one or two units involves protracted correspondence. Bata dispatched a special plane to Sweden to get 5 ball bearing units.

4. The military production sector of the Skoda Works is being moved to Slovakia. Only locomotives and tractors will be produced in Pilsen; the tanks and guns will be produced in Dubnica Nad Vahom and Podbrezova.

5. The search for uranium ore deposits within the area of Jachymov-Klasterec Nad Ohri is being conducted exclusively by the Russians.

6. The munition factories in Policka and Vsetin have been producing at full capacity for the last two months.

7. The largest paper factory in the Krkonose (Riesengebirge) area has been producing blackout paper for the last two months.

8. When the BBC from London reported that Bocek had been arrested, he was visiting his uncle (priest) in Jany, which is about 15 km from Nove Mesto Na Morave.

9. Informant did not confirm the presence of Red Army units in Moravia or elsewhere in Czechoslovakia nor did he mention anything about the preparations for their billeting.

10. Ejem, Commander of the Prague garrison, is Slansky's protege. This explains Ejem's rapid promotion. It is expected that he will be assigned an important military or public function.

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