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1. Poland plans to begin construction work during 1950 on the Bydgoszcz (Bromberg, P54/J09) Canal, her sole waterway to the west, to make it navigable for vessels up to 1,000 tons. Up to the present, the canal has been open only to ships up to 400 tons.
2. Reconstruction is planned to open the Upper Wisla (Vistula) from Krakow to the San River estuary for navigation by vessels up to 400 tons. The Middle Wisla is to be made navigable for vessels up to 750 tons, the Lower Wisla for ships up to 1,000 tons. All side canals of the Wisla are to be adjusted to accommodate 1,000-ton ships. Cost is estimated at almost one billion Goldmarks (sic)**
3. Also planned is a waterway between Posen and Warsaw, to be realized by a canal running from the Warthe River at Posen to the Wisla. The connection will be extended via the Bug River and the Königs Canal*, the latter joining the Oginskiego (Oginski) Canal.
4. Budgeted at 600 million Goldmarks, a coal canal had been planned to run from Krakow-Katowice to the Bydgoszcz, which empties into the Wisla. It is said that this plan is being abandoned, due to shortages of labor and materials.

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