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1. About 2,000 war criminals are at present employed in the Tata bauxite mines. These war criminals are housed in five concentration camps, viz:

- "Fekete-Negyed Tiz" (10)
- "Fekete-Negyed Tizenketto" (12)
- "Fekete-Negyed Tizenegy" (14)
- "Piros-Negyed Tizenegy" (14)
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2. The war criminals are composed of Hungarian officers, NCOs, and enlisted men from Hungarian units who fought on the eastern front; officers and enlisted men of the Hlinkova Garda (who tried to escape to Italy after the capitulation); about a thousand Ukrainians from "Bandera" detachments and Soviets from Vlassov's army; and a few Poles, Rumanians, and Italians.

3. All war criminals were previously handed over to their governments, but the Hungarian Government, in view of the labor shortage, applied to the Allied Commission in Budapest for permission to employ these people in the bauxite mines. The necessary authorization was given by the Soviet representatives.

4. The Tata mines are administered by some 50 officials from the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Production, and are supervised by a Soviet Commission (of three members) which sees that the agreed quota of bauxite is dispatched to the Soviet Union.

(Comment: No figures are available for the output of the mines, but they are reported to be small.)

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5. Both the administration and the Soviet Commission are subordinate to the Control Commission at Budapest in the persons of Engineer Lt. Colonel D. N. Buchinsky and Supplies Major K. A. Oblachev who, since their departure, have been replaced by Colonel Mihal Inger,

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6. Inger took part in the Spanish Civil War under the name of Captain Vankov and is an old comrade-in-arms of such Hungarian leaders as Laszlo Rajk, Erno Gero and Ferenc Munnich. Inger, who is also in charge of the recently discovered iron field at Borsceny, acts as economic

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