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Please make corrections in the first and second paragraphs and the table at page 2 to conform with the following text:

Western Europe (not including the United Kingdom) and the satellite countries in Eastern Europe are now producing crude steel at an annual rate of about 29 million metric tons, of which over 23 million tons is being produced in Western Europe (including western Germany). The combined rate of output of these areas amounts to about 6 million tons less than the peak wartime output of the European Axis, and should be sufficient to sustain a war effort nearly comparable to that of the Axis in World War II.

Altogether, the area assumed to be under Soviet control now is producing crude steel at an annual rate of approximately 47.2 million metric tons, or about 3 million tons more than the peak wartime supply of the Axis powers and the USSR combined. This steel capacity would, in itself, be sufficient to sustain a war effort somewhat greater than the World War II effort of Germany and the USSR combined.

ESTIMATE (MID-1948) OF OUTPUT OF CRUDE STEEL IN THE USSR, EUROPEAN ORBIT, AND WESTERN EUROPE
(In millions of metric tons)

USSR.....	18.5
European Orbit.....	5.6
Western Europe (including western Germany).....	23.1
Total.....	47.2

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