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USSR OPERATES POLISH URANIUM MINE

It is difficult to obtain information about uranium-ore mines discovered in Poland. It is already known that such ore is being mined in the neighborhood of Krzyzatka Mountain in Dolny Slask, but word has been received recently that there is another uranium mine in Dolny Slask.

Over 2 years ago, as a result of intensive exploration and geological tests, uranium-ore deposits were discovered in Stron Slaski, formerly Seitenberg, near the Czech border. These deposits are not far from the Krzyzatka mine and another uranium mine in the neighborhood of Miedzygorze. Immediately after the discovery of the Stron Slaski deposit, shafts were sunk and the mine was put into operation. Experts state that the ore is of high quality.

The USSR is operating the entire mine. All administrative positions are held by Soviet personnel, largely officers of the Red Army. Soviet engineers and higher executives of the mine were assigned living quarters in boarding houses requisitioned in a special section of the Ladek-Zdroj health resort. During the summer of 1949, Marshal Rokossovskiy, with his staff from Legnica, visited the mine. Major Mashlakov of the MVD frequently inspects the administrative departments of the mine and the Soviet quarters in Ladek-Zdroj.

A few Poles are employed in the lower rank office positions. At the mine itself, the workers are almost exclusively Poles. All are well-paid and carefully chosen from the political standpoint. Before entering on duty, every miner must sign a declaration binding him to absolute silence on the subject of his work and actual production of the mine.

A heavy detachment of the KBW (Internal Security Corps) guards the entire mining area, and a special Security Police post attached to the management has been created. The miners are transported to the mine in motor vehicles escorted by soldiers of the KBW.

The mined uranium ore is packed in cases and transported several times a week in special motor columns in the direction of Legnica. Every transport is guarded by Soviet soldiers.

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