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POLAND

INDUSTRY  
Mining (uranium)

Uranium Mine at KOWARY

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until mid-June 1952.

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A recent refugee who before his escape worked in the electric workshops of the uranium mines in KOWARY near JELENIA GORA, says that apparently the Soviets have great hopes for the development of the exploitation of uranium in that area, and that they plan to bring more miners to the town.

This can be gathered from the building activities in KOWARY and a great number of sites on which residential blocks are under construction.

The largest building site is the so-called "Nowe Osiedle" (new settlement) outside the town. About 300 five-story houses are being constructed there, some of them 100 meters long, and all shaped on the pattern of Soviet plans - our informant says.

In some of these houses inside installations are already being laid. The roads leading to the settlement also are to be finished soon.

At present three pits are under exploitation at KOWARY:

"Kopalnia,"  
"Wolnosc,"  
"Andrzej."

The pits employ some 1,200 people, all of them free workers. There are no labor camps in the nearest neighborhood, as far as our informant knows.

EVAL. COMMENT: Uranium mining center at KOWARY confirmed. The details of building construction, the number and names of pits UNCONFIRMED. For further information concerning uranium mining centers in Poland see items no. 7840/51 and 8403/51.

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