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Russian Security Control Of CSR Uranium Mines

ANNABERG, a city only a few kilometers across the Czech-German border north of JACHYMOV, is reported to be the headquarters for Russian security control of the Czechoslovakian uranium mining areas.

In ANNA<sup>BERG</sup> the MVD has posted some 300 troops which have received special anti-sabotage training.

There are estimated to be between 4,000 and 5,000 MVD troops disposed just north of the Czechoslovak border in the German uranium mining areas. Their function is to police the mines, provide guard duty and prevent sabotage. They have been chosen particularly for their political reliability.

While these troops are stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the ANNABERG detachment bears the responsibility for suppressing any trouble that might arise in the uranium mines in Czechoslovakia, just across the border. These troops are equipped with light arms, and have at their disposal Soviet tanks in case that they should have to move south to tighten security in the mines.

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