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Weekly Summaries of the Provincial Press

1. One of the most useful sources of information on industrial machinery production in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria has been the Weekly Summary of the Provincial Press published individually for each of these countries by the Joint Publications Research Service. Beginning with the current fiscal year, however, all information of an economic nature has been dropped from this publication.

2. The Weekly Summary was especially valuable in that it usually furnished detailed and up-to-date information on the labor force, volume and type of output, and production problems of individual plants. Such information is particularly useful in fulfilling NIS and other responsibilities. These summaries effectively supplement data available in the FBIS Daily Report or Weekly Economic Information on Eastern Europe, and in some cases furnish data not reported in either of these sources.

3. Coverage of information essential to this Branch in each of the five weekly summaries has averaged between one-half to three pages per issue. Hence total translation service should be on the order of two and one-half to fifteen pages per week.

4. In view of the value of this coverage and the modest nature of the translation service required, it is requested that coverage of industrial machinery and equipment in these summaries be reinstated.

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