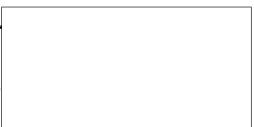


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FUEL AND POWER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

AUGUST COAL AND IRON PRODUCTION -- Svobodne Slovo, No 207, 5 Sep 48

The plan for coal mining was not fulfilled in August. A total of 1,387,164 tons of anthracite (94.2 percent) and 1,812,765 tons of lignite (89.7 percent) were mined. The Sokolov field filled its August plan 99.2 percent; most fields 85.6 percent. However, 248,526 tons of coke were produced (139.1 percent).

The Czechoslovak Foundries, a national enterprise, produced 133,667 tons of pig iron in August, thus filling its plan 116.33 percent. Also 190,544 tons of unfinished steel were produced, 103.91 percent of the plan. The August plan for the production of rolled iron was fulfilled 106.31 percent.

COAL PRODUCTION -- Bude Pravo, No 233, 5 Oct 48

In September 1,962,215 tons of soft coal of a quota of 2,830,450 tons were mined (96.6 percent). Also, 1,385,136 tons of anthracite were extracted instead of the planned amount of 1,437,345 tons (98.8 percent). The lignite quota was fulfilled 97.2 percent, with 1,902,715 tons extracted instead of the planned 1,956,650 tons.

Percentage Fulfilled

	<u>Anthracite</u>		<u>Lignite</u>
Ostrava	94.5	Most	95.7
Kladno	87.9	Sokolov	100.9
Pilsen	92.8	Pilsen	123.8
Trutnov	92.1	Trutnov-Hradek	73.3
Hosice	102	Hosice	96.6

Slovakia fulfilled only 80.6 percent of its quota.

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SEPTEMBER COAL PRODUCTION -- Lidova Demokracie, No 232, 5 Oct 48

About 1,385,135 tons of anthracite, or 93.8 percent of the plan, were mined in September. Furthermore, 1,962,215 tons of lignite, 96.6 percent of the plan, were extracted. The Ostrava field fulfilled its September plan 94.5 percent; Kladno, 87.9 percent; Most, 95.7 percent; Sokolov, 100.9 percent; and Slovakia, 80.6 percent.

COAL AND LIGNITE PRODUCTION -- Svobodne Slovo, No 238, 12 Oct 48

The September quotas for the mining of black coal and lignite were not completely fulfilled. Whereas 1,476,345 tons of anthracite were to have been mined, only 1,385,136 tons were actually mined. Furthermore, 2,020,450 tons of lignite were to have been mined, but only 1,962,215 tons were mined. On the other hand, the production of coke, 259,630 tons, exceeded the quota 34.5 percent.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 233, 5 Oct 48

The miners at the Jindrich pit in Karvinna filled their quota under the two-year plan on 4 October; 284,487 tons of coal were mined (21.41 quintals per capita per shift).

The Karolina coke works also fulfilled its two-year plan on Monday.

COAL PRODUCTION AT OSTRAVA -- Lidove Noviny, No 251, 26 Oct 48

A regional conference of miners of the Ostravsko-Karvin mines was held at Ostrava on 24 October. At this conference the Minister of Industry, G. Kliment, frankly criticized their shortcomings and pointed out the way to their elimination. The productivity of the coal field in comparison with 1937 was 62.25 percent in 1946; 73.9 percent in 1947; and 74.34 percent in 1948. In contrast to this, the corresponding figures for the Sokolov field were: 1946, 78.73 percent; 1947, 86.43 percent; and 1948, 98.99 percent.

NEW COAL MINES -- Lidova Demokracie, No 227, 29 Sep 48

The new, modern-equipped "Ivanka" lignite mine of the Rosicka national enterprise was opened at Dubrany, Hoconin district, on 26 September.

The southern Moravian soft coal mines at Zastavka near Brno were also opened.

PROPOSAL TO NATIONALIZE POWER PLANTS -- Lidova Demokracie, No 222, 23 Sep 48

The general manager of the Czechoslovak Power Plants, Engineer Jaroslav Ibler, characterized the power situation as follows: by the end of August, the power sector had fulfilled its production plan of electric power 99.5 percent, and gas production, 86.9 percent. On the other hand, the power plants of the Czechoslovak Power Plants have fulfilled the plan 96 percent and the gas plants, 94.2 percent. If the best possible use of the installations were made, 100 percent could be achieved. Therefore, the Ministries of Industry and Social Welfare are preparing a regulation of the electricity and gas supply similar to that of 1946 and 1947. In other words, nationalization of power is on the way.

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POWER AND COAL PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 225, 25 Sep 48

The steam power stations of the Eastern Czech Electric Power Plants fulfilled their two-year plan on 16 September.

The SHD Patrie mine fulfilled its two-year plan on 24 September. It was the first of the Northern Czech lignite mines to do so. The Northern Czech paper factories have also announced the fulfillment of their plan.

The miners at the western Czech mines of Masaryk, Krimich, and Vaclav have announced their intention of working voluntarily this Sunday in order to fulfill their two-year plan.

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