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CZECHOSLOVAK COAL PRODUCTION LAGS

COAL MINING IN JANUARY -- Rude Pravo, No 27, 2 Feb 49

According to an announcement of the Czechoslovak Mines, the January coal extraction plan was fulfilled 97 percent. The extraction plan for black coal was fulfilled 100.4 percent: 1,526,024 tons were actually extracted instead of the planned extraction of 1,519,632. The plan was not fulfilled, however, in the extraction of brown coal: only 2,132,930 tons were extracted instead of the planned 2,180,904 tons; thus the plan was fulfilled 97.8 percent.

Field	Planned Extraction (tons)	Actual Extraction (tons)	Percent Fulfilled
Ostrava	1,199,210	1,208,340	100.8
Eladno	167,614	166,929	99.6
Pilsen	67,012	68,413	102.1
Trutnov	42,426	38,742	91.3
Resice	43,370	43,600	100.5
Most	1,632,000	1,569,337	96.2
Sokolov	470,224	474,932	101.0
Southern Bohemia	30,700	37,248	121.3
Trutnov-Hradek	2,520	3,510	139.0
Southern Moravia	45,460	47,903	105.4
Slovakia	98,516	68,200	77.9

For the fulfillment of the plan 67,120 tons are lacking, which corresponds approximately to the shortage of the Most field, which is 62,663 tons short in fulfilling its January plan.

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COKE PRODUCTION -- Svobodne Slovo, No 27, 2 Feb 49.

Coke production in January was as follows (in tons):

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Percent Fulfilled</u>
Ostrava	270,000	276,000	102.3
Rosice	4,000	4,000	110.0 [sic]
Totals	274,000	280,000	102.4

COAL EXTRACTION -- Rude Pravo, No 21, 26 Jan 49

The following table shows coal extraction during the period from 1 to 25 January inclusive, in percentage of plan fulfillment:

Brown Coal

Most	94.1
Sokolov	101.1
Southern Bohemia	114.3
Trutnov-Bradek	138.7
Southern Moravia	102.6
Slovakia	72.2

Black Coal

Ostrava	100.2
Kladno	96.0
Pilsen	100.4
Trutnov	90.5
Rosice	95.7

COAL EXTRACTION LAGS BEHIND PLAN -- Rude Pravo, No 13, 16 Jan 49

Coal extraction has not yet reached the planned level in the first 14 days of the Five-Year Plan. Nevertheless, it increased considerably in the second week.

The planned extraction was achieved in the Ostrava-Karvin field on 14 January for the first time since the beginning of the Five-Year Plan; 49,980 tons of coal were extracted (planned amount: 49,967 tons). The mining output was also higher than in the preceding days: 17.50 quintals per capita per shift.

The total fulfillment of the plan from 1-15 January is as follows (percentage):

Black Coal

Ostrava	97.2
Kladno	91.6
Pilsen	96.8
Trutnov	93.4
Rosice	88.2
For all Czechoslovakia	96.2

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## Brown Coal

Most	90.7
Sokolov	96.6
Mydlovary	120.6
Hradek	140.6
Southern Moravia	98.6
Total for Czech Provinces	92.6
Slovakia	75.7

**COAL MINING IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Lidova Demokracie, No 10, 13 Jan 49**

In the first 10 days of the Five-Year Plan, 418,737 tons of black coal were extracted, which is 95.2 percent of the plan established for that period; 557,923 tons of brown coal, or 91 percent of the plan, were extracted. The Ostrava field fulfilled its plan 96 percent for the first 10 days; Kladno, 91.3 percent; Most, 88.6 percent; and Sokolov, 96.2 percent.

**COAL MINING IN 1948 -- Rude Pravo, No 12, 15 Jan 49**

In 1948, 41,354,000 tons of coal were extracted in Czechoslovakia.

**COAL EXTRACTION AT HANDLOVA -- Pravda, No 22, 27 Jan 49**

A total of 3,544.4 carloads of coal were extracted in the Handlova coal mines on 22 January, which is 74.2 percent of the plan for the entire month.

**COAL AND IRON MINES EXPAND -- Prace, No 37, 13 Feb 49**

The exploitation of new sources of iron ore at the Vaclav mine at Kamenny Ujezd will result in the production of 700 tons of high-grade roasted ore by 15 May.

The Karel iron mine, which has been unused for years because of a manpower shortage and obsolete equipment, yet which contains large quantities of high-grade iron ore, will produce 504 tons of raw iron ore and 300 tons of coal by 15 May.

**REDUCTION OF EMPLOYEES IN MANAGEMENT -- Rude Pravo, No 27, 2 Feb 49**

The number of administrative employees in the Ostrava-Marvin Coal Mines is to be reduced from 950 to 500.

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