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ABSENTEEISM HIGH AT COAL MINE

SIEMIANOWICE COAL MINE ABSENTEEISM AT 17.9 PERCENT -- Trybuna Ludu, No 226, 18 Aug 49

For 11 August, the Siemianowice coal mine reported the following figures: absenteeism, 17.9 percent; productivity, 87.9 percent of plan; extraction, 89.7 percent of plan. The mine, which is one of the largest mines in the Chorzow Association, failed to meet the June and July quotas and it is doubted that the August quota will be met.

According to the representatives of workers, management, and the PZPR [Communist] party, the quotas were not too steep to be met. The quota for August is 3,165 tons of coal. The failure to meet the quotas is due to the great absenteeism prevailing at the mine. Nearly 900 workers are absent daily at the mine, of which 60 percent are either on vacations, attending courses, or ill. This means that nearly 400 workers per day are absent without just cause. Out of total loss of 12,000 work-days, 3,359 days were lost through unnecessary absenteeism. The daily output of the Siemianowice coal mine is figured on an average of approximately 1,400 kilograms of coal per capita. The above amount multiplied by 3,359 days lost without-cause, equals 4,702 tons of coal that could have been mined.

Up to 12 August, there has not been one meeting called to discuss ways of overcoming this fault. The PZPR party, at the mine, has made no effort to remove constant absentees from its rank.

On the other hand, the working conditions at this mine are not conducive to the best results. It seems that the Chorzow Association could improve working conditions at this mine which, in turn, would reduce absenteeism and increase production.

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25,000 FAMILIES TO BE RESETTLED DURING 1949 -- Trybuna Ludu, No 226,
18 Aug 49

It is planned that during 1949, 25,000 families will be resettled. As of 1 August, 17,354 families have already been resettled, which is 69 percent of plan. The 1949 quota for resettling families has already been surpassed by Gdansk Wojewodztwo and Ziemia Lubuska.

ILLITERACY PROGRAM PLANNED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 218, 10 Aug 49

In the last 2 months 1,200,000 illiterates have registered voluntarily. A large number of these illiterates is found in the former German provinces.

Committees are organizing instruction courses throughout the country; the Government has assigned 605,000,000 zlotys for this year's campaign. The program will be completed by the end of 1951.

Teachers will be paid 120 zlotys an hour and 1,200 zlotys a month for directing the course; salaries will be paid by authorized powiat agents of the Public Committee for the Battle Against Illiteracy. Textbooks and school supplies will be provided, even supplementary meals where necessary. Talented and deserving pupils will obtain scholarships.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR ECONOMIC SABOTAGE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 227, 19 Aug 49

Wladyslaw Wtorek and Zygmunt Bzymek have been tried before the Military Court at Wroclaw for destroying 50 kilometers of unused high-tension line valued at 18,400,000 zlotys. The court has sentenced Wtorek to death; Bzymek was sentenced to prison for life.

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