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1. The state coal reserves at the end of November 1952 consisted of 280,000 tons, which fell short of the plan by 87,000 tons.
 2. In December 1952, thirty thousand tons of this coal were released; on 22 January 1953, eighty thousand tons; on 25 January 1953, eighty thousand tons; and during January 1953, forty thousand tons of anthracite. Of this amount, 110,000 tons went to the railroads; the remainder went to various power and gas-producing establishments.
 3. This left a reserve of 50,000 tons at the end of April 1953. The plan calls for the storage of an additional 200,000 tons by the end of October 1953, and another 100,000 tons by the end of December 1953.
 4. At the end of March 1953, the head of the coal section in the State Materials Administration declared that the storage of 200,000 tons by the end of October 1953 would be impossible, and that he was preparing a special report for the cabinet.
 5. The State Secretariat for State Reserves has reported that the plan figure for 1953 can only be filled if Poland will deliver 50,000 tons a month above current requirements.
 6. During May 1953, only 5,000 tons went to the state reserves.
1. [] Comments: As reported. Possibly the State Secretariat for State Reserves, which includes a coal section.

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