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- 1. The East German Five Year Plan calls for the mining of 3.5 million tons of mineral coal (Steinkohle) in 1953, 4 million tons in 1954 and 4 million tons in 1955. In 1952, the plan called for 3.2 million tons of which 2.836 million tons were actually mined.
 - 2. In July 1952, the mineral coal quota for 1953 was set at 3.2 million tons during initial planning conferences. During conferences toward the close of the year, representatives of the Administration for Mineral Coal as well as representatives of the Secretariat for Coal and Power proposed a quota of 2.75 million toms. This net with the stremous objection of Bruno Leuschner, head of the State Planning Counission. A "compromise" quota of 2.95 million tons was agreed upon. A factor affecting the determination of this arount was a comparison which was made between the working days of the mineral coal mining industry and the lignite mining industry. The mineral coal pits had previously been worked 340 days per year; the lignite pits 352 days. Thus, a plan to add twelve working days per year to the mineral coal pits was translated into a potential annual increase of 150,000 tons of mineral coal. At some unspecified later date, the State Planning Commission fixed the quota at 3.5 million tons. If
 - An important factor affecting the non-fulfillment of the 1952 quota was the allow progress made in the Muelsengrund project. 2/ The 1952 capital investment plan was not fulfilled for Muelsengrund because it was not possible to obtain the necessary mining machinery and equipment. The 1953 budget allots to the Secretariat for Goal and Power capital investments for the coal industry of 153 million DME. Of this amount only 13 million DME are allotted for the capital expansion of the Zwickau coal area, whereas the retarded Muelsengrund project is in need of 20.4 million DME. During 1953, Muelsengrund is to get a compressor with a capacity of 45,000 cubic meters per hour and a skip conveyer system:

 The exploitation of Muelsengrund is to have priority over the Martin Moop IV mine. Muelsengrund has priority over the Martin Moop IV mine as far as ventilation equipment is concerned. 3/

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Annual peace-time consumption or mineral coal in East Germany would be as follows:

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1.8 - 2 million tons

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Power stations Klingenberg

and Russelsburg

72,000 tons

Other major power plants (Chemnitz, Dresdem)

100,000 tons

Sugar and food industry

500,000 tons

Railroad

approx. 2 million tons 3

- 5. The 1952 lignite mining quota was 158 million tons; 157.8 million tons were actually mined. The 1952, briquette production quota was 43.41 million tons; 44.3 million tons were actually produced.
- 6. The 1953 production quots for the Lauchhammer coking plant is 500,000 tons of metallurgical coke or so-called "HD" coke. To produce this enount, 1.2 million tons of briquettes are needed. During the course of the Five Year Flam, Lauchhammer is to reach a peak capacity of 1.32 million tons of coke.

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	COMÆNT:	The State Flanning Commission set this quota despite the fact that it had no expert in mineral soal mining on its staff.
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Ž	COMMENT:	The conversion of the East German railroads to briquette firing makes it more likely that approximately 4 million that of mineral coal would be used per year.
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