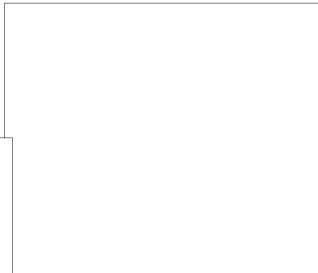


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1. During the winter of 1952 and 1953, construction of the big Huko works project was suddenly halted. Production should have begun in the fall of 1953, but at that date construction was again undertaken at a reduced rate and with fewer laborers engaged.
2. The main reason was difficulties attendant upon a poor preliminary survey. The workers' housing area had been so poorly prepared that the buildings became unstable, doors and windows were deformed and the buildings were uninhabitable.
3. There was the same difficulty with the factory buildings themselves. It was discovered that they needed much heavier foundations than they had been given, and the new work at the project consists largely in working in foundation material.
4. Technical people connected with the job say that it cannot possibly be completed before the end of 1954 and perhaps later.

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