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- General Rumiancev, a Soviet officer, puts the stamp of his approval on all important matters in the Ministry of Communications. Thus he decides even such details as change in time tables. The plan involving a change in gauge had first to be submitted to his delegates, General Rogatko and Captain Micheyev, and then signed by Rumiancev. Nevertheless, when work was already in progress, Rumiancev ordered some moderations in order to facilitate the transit into the Soviet Union of trains carrying war booty. He also insisted upon the dismissal of several senior officials of the Ministry of Communications.
- All explanations as to the delays in deliveries of coal shipments to the Soviet Union had to be submitted to Rumiancev or his deputy; this resulted in the dismissal of engineer Czerniewski from his post of director in Cracow.
- Each Railway District Office has a Soviet cell, headed by a Soviet senior officer, who is in charge of traffic regulations, in order to coordinate them with the exigencies of the Soviet Union.
- Fermanent willtary missions from the A.L. are attached to the larger Railway District Offices, which are headed by a senior official, who is entirely under Soviet domination.
- Through the First Deputy Minister in Charge of personnel, Jozef Olewinski, who plays a leading role in the Communist Party, the PPR wields very great in-fluence; Hme. Grotkowska, also a Communist, is in charge of his cabinet, where all important posts are held by active members of the PPR. The same conditions prevail in the District Offices where the first Deputy Director in charge of personnel and of economic concerns nearly always belongs to the PPR. The same goes for the heads of the Personnel Offices who subject the workers to close scruting as to their party affiliations.
- All important posts within the Railwaymen's Union are held by members of the PFR; nevertheless the PFR does not have much moral influence; this may be ascribed to the fact that the PPR falls short in keeping its exaggerated promises; furthermore, the general dislike of the Soviet Union is another important factor.

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