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1. There are 600 Soviet barges, 120 Polish barges, and, for the last two months, 50 Czech barges of Dutch origin navigating the Odra. Polish navigation suffers from a shortage of tugs and has to borrow these from the Russians, who charge extremely high fees for them.
2. Immediately after the war, out of the total of 1,200 sunken craft, the Russians salvaged for themselves 300 barges and 15 tugs. The Dyrekcja Drog Wodnych na Odrze (Odra River Waterways Board) salvaged more than 500 barges and 30 tugs, of which 100 units were overhauled and put into commission. Ninety per cent of goods shipped down the Odra consists of coal. Barges with cement come from Opole and neighborhood.
3. The Wroclaw office of the Odra River Waterways Board is situated at Engels Place 23 and controls the following regional Waterways Administrations:
 - a. Waterways Administration, Cieszyn (for the Olza River)
 - b. Waterways Administration, Gliwice

This is in charge of the transshipment port and the Gliwice - Kozle Canal (40 kms). This canal has six modern locks with Larsen walls. The highest water level difference is 10.5 m. Ships up to 1,000 tons can navigate this canal. Three reservoirs are being built in Dzierzno on the River Klodnica, each with a capacity of 15,000,000 cu. m. A dam will be built in Dzierzno for these three reservoirs and a sum of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 zloty has been earmarked for this purpose.

c. Waterways Administration, Kozle

In charge of the largest (at present) coal shipping harbor and the Kozle - Opole section of the Odra.

d. Waterways Administration, Opole

The Waterways Administration at Opole has quarries at Chorula (near Opole) at its disposal, which supply blocks for the reinforcement of banks. The

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saw mill in Dobrzyn produces timber for the dams. The Opole shipyard carries out overhaul and maintenance work on existing craft, but does not build new ones. The Opole Waterways Administration has control over two reservoirs

1) In Turawa, on the Mala Panew River, with a capacity of 98,500,000 cu.m.

2) In Odmuchow, on the Nysa Klodzka, with a capacity of 128,000,000 cu.m.

e. Waterways Administration, Brzeg

This has a small shipyard in Brzeg, which carries out maintenance work on craft and looks after its own sector of the river.

f. Waterways Administration, Wroclaw

In charge of the harbor at Popowice and the municipal and customs harbor in Wroclaw Port.

g. Waterways Administration, Glogow

h. Waterways Administration, Krosno

i. Waterways Administration, Slubice

4. The entire length of the Canal from Kozie to Wroclaw has 26 locks. Length of the locks: 55 m.; width: 9.6 m. Locks for barge convoys are 187 m. long and 9.6 m. wide. Two locks in Bedzin near Wroclaw are 12 m. wide. The dams near the locks are constructed on the Poire system.

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