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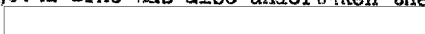


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1. During the war the Germans took over many weaving mills for military purposes, removing and storing the looms. Since many of these looms were damaged during either transit or storage, an order was issued in 1945 that all these looms were to be scrapped. Thus, many serviceable looms were lost.
2. In 1946, Zbrojovka Brno began the manufacture of automatic looms for weaving cotton. These looms contained a defect which became apparent, however, only upon their completion. Considerable delay in textile production was caused by the need for making changes in the looms after they had been delivered to the weaving mills.
3. During 1947 and 1948, further delays occurred because of failure to obtain shuttles and to receive a consignment of self-threaders which had been ordered 
4. Zbrojovka Brno has also undertaken the manufacture of Beninger looms for weaving silk  but the firm has so far been unsuccessful since about 1000 of the looms produced have proven useless.
5. Beninger looms are also being produced by the former firms of Neumann of Pecka near Nova Paka and Roscher of Jirkov, and by a factory at Zandov near Ceska Lipa, but in these instances lack of experienced personnel has also caused delay in production and inferior workmanship. Roscher's target of one hundred twenty looms per month, for example, has been realized only seventy percent.
6. Additional reasons for the failure of the textile industry to fulfill the Two-Year Plan are:
 - a. Shortage of manpower, largely due to the expulsion of the Sudeten Germans.
 - b. Inferior quality of cotton.
 - c. Shortage of grease and chemicals.

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