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- 1. The Rudolf mine is situated on land registered with the village of Habartov in the district of Sokolov, and is administered by the directorate of brown coal mines and briquette presses at Sokolov. The mine is badly equipped and its mining methods are obsolete. Mining is done manually and the mined coal is transported to the colliery by an underground cable-railway. The coal lies at an average depth of 70 m., and the vein is between 2 m. and 8 m. thick, the average being approximately 5 m. The coal reserve is estimated by experts to be approximately 1,500,000 tons, a twelve years' supply. Daily mining output is between 450 and 500 tons.
2. Two hundred and twenty miners are employed at the Rudolf mine; 20 percent of them are Czechs, 70 percent Germans, and 10 percent other nationalities. Administration is headed by the following persons:
Plant Manager: Jaroslav Moravec.
Deputy: Ing. Trnka; he attended the KSC political school.
Supervisor: Machacek, president of KSC in Habartov.
Mining Surveyor: Ladislav Kohout.
Colliery Head: Vaclav Rasche.
Deputy: Formanek.
Overseers: Bohumil Urban and Broz.
Cashier: Otto Nechville.
Social-Welfare Head: Hermina Krpatova.
3. The Liblik mine is a surface lignite mine. The lignite layer is approximately 20 m. thick and is found at a depth of 5 m. The mine is excellently equipped, primarily because the Germans installed considerable mechanized equipment during

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the war. The mechanical equipment is modern and in excellent condition. A modern sorting machine (Demag model) with a capacity of 800 tons daily was installed by the Germans in 1943. The mined lignite is transported over a cable-railway, 2500 m. in length. The railway is equipped with three driving machines. Two steam shovels are used for removing the overburden of earth; one is a 1.5 cu. m. Vasser model, the other, a 2 cu. m. Monk model. Two new steam-driven Skoda dredging machines were installed at the mine in 1947 with a capacity of 2.5 cu. m. and 2 cu. m., respectively. In addition to these dredging machines, there is another one on rails which is not being used at the present time. Daily output of the mine is between 750 and 800 tons.

4. One hundred and thirty miners are employed at the Liblik mine; 20 percent of them are Czechs, 70 percent Germans, and 10 percent other nationalities. Administration personnel are the following:

Colliery Head: Vaclav Stepanek.

Overseers: Frantisek Hoch and Rudolf Azcek.

5. Management is combined for the Rudolf and Liblik mines.

6. Miners in the Rudolf mine are paid an average of 160 Kcs. per day. Miners in Liblik and helpers in Rudolf receive 86 Kcs. daily. Pay deductions are as follows:

6 to 8 percent for social benefits.  
1 to 3 percent for trade union dues.  
1 to 3 percent for the KSC.

7. Penalties for absenteeism are:

For one day of unexplained absence - loss of one day's leave.  
For two days of unexplained absence - loss of heavy labor ration for 1 month.  
For three days of unexplained absence - prosecution or internment in slave labor camp.

Encls: 2 Sketches of the Liblik Mine.  
1 Sketch of the Rudolf Mine.

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