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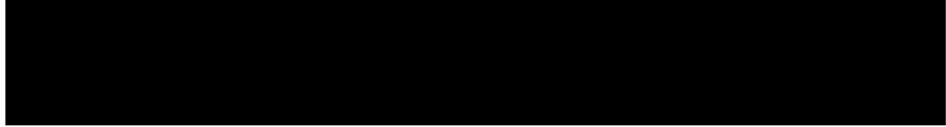


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SOURCES:



- The coast between Tallinn (59°26'N/24°15'E) and Narva (58°28'N/28°12'E) was a Soviet prohibited area. This area extended as far as the Tallinn-Rakvere (59°23'N/26°17'E)-Narva road along which off limits sign posts were erected prohibiting entrance to the road or threat of Soviet punishment. The prohibited area was guarded by military patrols. Estonian civilians said that shelters and defense positions were being constructed in the prohibited area.
- Near Narva (about 15 km northeast of Tallinn) or Rakvere, two separate roads, each about 5 meters wide, led into the prohibited area. Three other roads also leading into the prohibited area could not be definitely located.
- From the summer of 1948 to December 1949 building material and equipment of all kinds were carried into the prohibited area. Cement, hoop iron and lumber were especially noted. About ten trucks were observed every day carrying building material from Rakvere into the prohibited area.
- "Combina 7" was northeast of the railroad station of Garko. Soviet workers and employees of the Combina station had been ordered to build a subterranean shipyard or submarine base on the site.
- About 200 meters west of the Narva River on the site of Combina 7 were two large sheds from which earth was removed by small trucks.
- A Soviet camp where about 45,000 Soviet convicts were quartered, was also at the Combina. The convicts worked on constructions under the direction of Combina 7, according to a Soviet worker.

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In addition to the "Gagarin" electric power station, and the
the construction of a large electric power station in Marva
was planned. The construction of a large reservoir in the Marva
River near the convict camp, on the premises of Combine 7, was
also planned.

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- * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Considering the channel conditions in the Marva
River the construction of a submarine base in Marva is improbable.
However, it is possible that a shipyard for light surface craft,
for instance PT boats, motor minesweepers and gunboats, may be
built there.

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