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1. Police (P8litz), Poland was the location of the largest German factory for the manufacture of synthetic gasoline. This factory, undamaged and containing large stocks of gasoline, was taken over by the Russians at the end of World War II. After dismantling it, shipping all equipment and machinery to the USSR and demolishing part of the buildings, the Russians returned the plant to the Polish authorities in 1947. About the end of 1949 the empty factory buildings were fenced with barbed wire, and in February 1950, with the arrival of some factory equipment and machinery from Silesia, re-construction work was begun. However, progress has been slow because the shipment of necessary material has been delayed, and from all indications the factory will not resume operations in 1950. Some workers are of the opinion that the factory will be used to manufacture products from pig-iron rather than for the production of synthetic gasoline. This statement is supported by the fact that all the gasoline-manufacturing equipment was removed by the Russians, and it is unlikely that the machinery now being installed could be used for this purpose.
2. The machinery and equipment necessary for the production of synthetic gasoline is imported from Germany and is now in use in a factory at Dwory (near Krakow), which is the largest synthetic gasoline factory in Poland today, with its 1950 production expected to reach 50,000 tons. A factory at Luban (Luban), Silesia, is also being equipped to produce synthetic gasoline, but it is not yet ready for production.
3. In 1949 the raw petroleum from wells in Poland amounted to about 165,000 tons, with an additional 55,000 tons being imported. The 1950 production is expected to reach 200,000 tons; imports will also increase, with the bulk coming from Iran and Rumania, and small amounts from the USSR, the latter consisting chiefly of benzine suitable for aviation purposes. From Iran the oil is shipped aboard the Polish tanker KARPATY, which often discharges her cargo at the port of Constanza, Rumania, where the oil is refined and later transported via railway to Poland. Germany and England supply most of the drill tools for the petroleum industry, and the Communists are making efforts to find new and better sources of supply.
4. For purposes of fuel distribution, Poland has been divided into two areas, in one of which a mixture of benzine and alcohol is sold and in the other, a benzine and ethylene mixture.

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