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TOPIC Reconstruction of the Second Track on the Dresden-Pirna-Bad Schandau Railroad Line

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1. It was noticed on 12 December 1950 that a second track had been constructed between Pirna (N 51/F 38) and Obervogelgesang. Work on the Obervogelgesang-Wahlen-Rathen (N 51/F 38)-Koenigstein (N 51/F 37) stretch was not yet started. About 100 meters of trackage have been laid from Koenigstein in the direction of Bad Schandau (N 51/F 57). The second track between Bad Schandau and Krippen has been completed. Work on the construction of the second track between Krippen and Schoena (N 51/F 57) on the Czech border, a 6-km stretch, had not been started yet. It is expected that the Bad Schandau-Dresden (N 52/F 29) railroad line will be operated double-track in the near future. *

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* Comment. This project is reported for the first time. The second track of the line which runs from Dresden via Pirna and Bad Schandau to Prague, was dismantled. This line has been reconstructed double-track in Czechoslovakia. The line, which is the main transit route into Czechoslovakia, is of both military and economic importance. Its reconstruction as a double-track line, which has been planned for years, was postponed because of lack of materials. The report does not contain any information on the status of the Dresden-Pirna line.

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