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1. The Russians and Czechs are making a major effort to increase the working force and productive area in the Jachymov uranium mining region. Czechoslovak Army doctors have been ordered to assist civilian doctors in making medical examinations to determine those civilian prisoners who are physically fit to work in the Jachymov mines. It is estimated that between 60,000 and 80,000 workers are now employed at Jachymov.*
2. At Hradecny airfield near Mimon runways are being lengthened and excavation for underground installations, believed to be hangars, is in progress. The field is now a base for Czech pilots receiving jet training, and it is believed that a Soviet instruction team is stationed here. Early in September 1951 an unknown number of Soviet type jet aircraft, tentatively identified as MIG-15s, arrived at the field; they are to be turned over to the Czechoslovak Air Force.**
3. Czech military service regulations were tightened on 10 September 1951. All fit males are required to spend two years in the armed forces or labor battalions. Physical requirements for service have been lowered and special favors granted some married personnel, such as extra leave and shortened terms of service, have been eliminated. Civilians and Class "B" and "C" troops are still used in rear installations. All military personnel now carry or will soon be issued a new type of identification book similar to that used by the German Wehrmacht using a numeral code to indicate age, induction area, military specialty and political reliability. The political screening of conscripts continues. The Ministry of National Defense plans to give no training in weapons to conscripts considered to be politically unreliable. Draftees will report for service in two groups: on 1 October 1951, politically unreliable men will report and be sent to labor units or mines, or be assigned to non-combat duties with the field forces; on 1 November 1951, conscripts considered to be politically reliable will report for service. Czech soldiers hospitalized in the Prague area for Asiatic typhus (sic) are being treated with a Russian serum.

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4. The vehicle situation in the Czech armed forces is improving as trucks and track-laying vehicles are received to replace obsolescent prewar Czech or German motorized equipment. The Tatra 111 truck is to be one of the standard trucks in the Czech Army. No Soviet vehicles have been issued.

*  Comment: This estimate is based on observations of barracks arrangements in the area. 50X1-HUM

**  Comment: This is the field previously reported as Kurn airfield. It is known that this field is being enlarged and that concrete runways and underground hangars are being built. This is the first indication that jet planes are stationed at the field. 50X1-HUM



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