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1. One of the cornerstones of the Communist plan for Chinese heavy industry is the Shih Ching Shan (石景山) Metal Works near Peiping. The plant, which fell intact into Communist hands when FU Tso-i's troops defected, consists of an electricity generating plant and a manganese smelting factory. The labor force of 3,000 comprises mainly convicts, persons sentenced to hard labor, and Nationalist POW's.
2. The generators have a maximum daily output of 2,000,000 watts. Since the recent installation of more machinery from the USSR and from the T'aiyuan Electricity Plant, they produce enough current to supply not only Peiping and Tungchow, but also the following districts: Tsingho, Nankow, Hsiahuayuan (115-15, 40-28), Hsuanhua (115-01, 40-37), Changchiak'ou (114-55, 40-50), Changhsintien (114-18, 32-19) Railway Repair Shop, Paoting (115-29, 38-52), and Kaopeitien (115-51, 39-20).
3. Since March 1950, a mixture of coke and Tat'ung coal has been used and has reduced the amount of fuel required to produce one unit of current from 1.37 kg. to 0.99 kg.
4. The Metal Works uses 30 tons of manganese ore a day. Daily fuel consumption is 1,000 tons, 240 tons of which are Kailan (開灤) coal and the rest special dust fuel. There are stockpiles of Kailan coal for 65 days and of one other fuel for 43 days.

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