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1. Uranium mines are located near the following places: Kowary (Schmiedeberg-051/G87), Ladek Zdroj (Bad Landeck-5021N-1653E), Wlen (Laehn -052/G59),¹ Miedzanka², and Ogorzelec (Staetdisoh Dittersbach).
2. Kowary lies south of Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg), between Cieplice and Kamienna Gora (Landeshut-051/G87). There are four stations on the Kamienna Gora railroad line within six kilometers or each other with the name Kowary; viz, Kowary Srednie, Kowary Zdroj, Kowary Scieg and Kowary.
3. The so-called Kowary mines are near Kowary Srednie. The mines are surrounded by barbed wire and observation towers with searchlights manned by Soviet troops and KBW (Corps of Internal Security) troops.
4. The Kowary mines are directed by Russians but the workers are Poles. In other mines, there are said to be German, Russian and Asiatic workers. All workers and officials at the Kowary mines have special passes made out in Polish and Russian and stamped by the Polish and Russian authorities. These passes are shown to the KBW guards at the entrance to the mines. The number of workers employed at the mines is not known, but it is estimated that there are between 600 and 800 miners, working in three shifts.
5. In 1949, the Mechanical Works (Zaklady Mechaniczne) in Kowary made and repaired various equipment and tools for use in the mines. For example, bores were sharpened and broken ones welded and tin boxes were made for packing the ore.
6. There is a laboratory in Kowary where Russians and Germans analyze the ore found in other places in the area; there is also a small mill for crushing and cleaning the ore.
7. In 1949, the Kowary mines were very primitive, but by 1951 great advances had been made. The cages for conveying men and ore up and down the shafts are worked by electricity, the mines are well lighted and ventilated, and boring is done electrically.

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- 8. The ore is transported by truck from the mines to the station at Kowary Srednie or direct to Ogorzelec where it is ground and washed before being packed in the tin boxes mentioned above and sent by rail to the east. On an average, two car loads of ore per day leave Ogorzelec. It is said that the destination is the USSR, but there is also a rumor that the ore is transported to an undisclosed destination in Saxony, where it undergoes a scientific and technical process.





Comments:

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- 1. This is the first report received  indicating that a uranium mine exists in Wlen. 

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- 2.  may be referring to Misdziana (Kupferberg -051/G78) which was mentioned  in connection with uranium mines.

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