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In the small town of GI. YCKO (German name: LOETZEN) in East Prussia, the local authorities seem to be constantly in a frenzy of checking identification documents and stopping people in the streets. Indeed, even during the summer months when many people come to spend their holidays in this nice resort, especially from WARSAW, they are being accosted by the police everywhere: in their hotels, in the streets, in restaurants, even on little excursion boats, and requested to produce their identity cards.

The reason for such precautions is that this little town has been turned into a very strong army garrison. All old barracks have been renovated or rebuilt. In the Western district of the town, near the highway to K. TRZYK (German EAST MURGO), in the old barracks an armoured unit is stationed. Opposite are the new barracks which were completed shortly before the war, and now completely renovated. There an infantry unit - at least a battalion, if not stronger - is quartered. Immediately behind these two-storeyed barracks there are training grounds with a renovated and modernized shooting range. Another infantry battalion as well as the detachment of Army Labor Units, are stationed in barracks in the Northern and Eastern parts of the town.

As to the role of GI. YCKO as holiday resort, people in summer and early autumn could enjoy vacation courses organized by the Sea League (LIGA MORSKA), which holds the pre-war harbor under administration. There is a large state-owned hotel for holidaymakers, close to the local church. Although well run and appointed, the hotel is half-empty, as it charges exorbitant prices: a single room, with food, costs here at least 300 zlotys per month, while the local people, for letting a room with food of much better quality, charge the guests only 350 to 400 zlotys a month.

The railway transport in East Prussia - part joined to Poland - has not yet recovered from the effects of the Soviet military occupation in 1945-6.

At that time, many railway lines were completely dismantled by the Soviet administration and sent to the

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Soviet Union.

Among these dismantled lines were those connecting:

KATRZYN - WGORZELO	(German: RASTENBURG-ANGERSBURG)
KATRZYN - ROSTEL	(German: RASTENBURG-ROESSEL)
MRAGOWO - SZCZYPCO	(German: STANSBURG-ORTLESBURG)

Of these three lines, the first was rebuilt in 1950; the work on the third one was only started this year, and the second one does not exist until now.

Also, some bridges have recently been rebuilt, as e.g.:

The railway bridge over the DAJNA river (German: DEINE,) where since 1945 only a provisional bridge had existed on the line KATRZYN-KORSZE (RASTENBURG-KORSCHEN.) This new bridge was opened in July 1952.

Another railway bridge is under construction on the outskirts of KATRZYN, over the river GUBER (German GUBER,) where also a railway line is still passing over a provisional bridge.

EVAL COMMENT: The names of localities are correctly given. Interesting although UNCONFIRMED news is the fact that the Liga Morska (Sea League) organizes sport activities also on inland lakes.

The rest of the report is UNCONFIRMED.