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WarAir Raid Shelters In "HUKO" KOSICESOURCE ROME: No information available.
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The first indications that Eastern European plants working for heavy industry are provided with air raid shelters arrived at the Vatican from Czechoslovakia. According to this news, the deepest and greatest drainage system which ever existed in Czechoslovakia, is being built in the new huge "HUKO" iron works in East Slovakia. This canal is 12 meters deep and will have a diameter of about three meters. It is considered improbable that such deep and wide galleries will be used only as sewers. According to the projects, the "HUKO" iron works will be the greatest of their kind in Central Europe, and will have a production of one million tons of steel a year. The works will start their production in 1953 and will be completely finished by 1955.

EVAL. COMMENT: The "Huko" heavy industry plant near KOSICE well known from the press and received reports (e.g. Items No. 2622/52, 1596/52, 8550/51.) Building of air raid shelters UNCONFIRMED, however, already reported in the MOST area. It is presumable that there is a trend to furnish all key industry concerns with air raid shelters. Both mentioned figures as to production capacity differ from those previously reported and are UNCONFIRMED; also the fact that the construction of works will be completely finished by 1955 is UNCONFIRMED.