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PRISONS AND CAMPS

The camps of MILECIN near WARSAW, JAWORZNO near CRACOW and SIKAWA near LODZ are considered to be the three largest forced labor camps in Poland.

The inmates are prisoners convicted to two years. Prisoners in MILECIN are now employed on some building enterprises of the Polish Ministry of State Security, which most probably are being constructed after the pattern of Nazi concentration camps. At JAWORZNO, the prisoners are employed in mines and industries. In SIKAWA, there are no positive projects of work, but the inmates are subjected by the guards to all sorts of cruelties. They have to dig ditches only to fill them up again afterwards, and to do the same work all over again.

The surveillance of prisoners is very strict: there are about 10 prisoners to one guard.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period

EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : usually reliable;  
Information: location of camps confirmed by other sources.  
Conditions of work probably true, unconfirmed.