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LABOR - Foreign Labor

A large number of Chinese workers have been brought over to Poland. Toward the end of 1950, about 500 Chinese workers were brought to the coal mines of WALBRZYCH. In order to keep them isolated from the Polish population, several barracks were built for them outside of the town. The Polish workers are against importing Chinese labor lest it be increased to such a point as to bring about a wage cut.

Another town which might receive foreign manpower is ROCLAW. Last January, a Russian commission visited the town and studied the possibilities of using Asiatic workers in the larger Silesian enterprises. It is expected that the railwaycar plant in ROCLAW will shortly be supplied with a few hundred Asiatics, to help increase its output which so far has not come up to expectations.

Asian workers are also expected to be brought over to the VICTORIA mine in WALBRZYCH. Chinese coolies have been seen in KATOWICE, BYTOM and HINDENBURG.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

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