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INDUSTRY
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A Ballbearing Plant In KYSUCA Turned Into An Armament Plant

SOURCE SALZBURG: No information available

EVAL. COMMENT: December 1951

The CSR ballbearing plant "Zavod Viliama Sirokeho" will be gradually turned into an arms plant producing Soviet machine guns and other automatic weapons. Currently two new blocks were evacuated to house machinery for production of automatic weapons. According to unconfirmed reports the Soviet automatic turning lathes stored in building "A" and "C", will be returned to the USSR and replaced by other machinery for production of arms. The new plant is scheduled to employ 3,000 laborers by the end of 1952,

EVAL. COMMENT: unconfirmed. "Závod Viliama Sirokeho" is located in KYSUCA, a small town in the district and county ZILINA.