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PERSECUTION AND PURGES (2200)
Resettlement (2203)

15 EVACUATED FAMILIES RETURN TO MARIANSKE LAZNE.

SOURCE VIENNA: Confidential source. Second-hand information.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Early March 1955.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: See the headline, please.

EVALUATION COMMENT: This report is UNCONFIRMED here. VIENNA RFE Item Nos. 582/54 and 12001/53 also dealt with some resettlers who were allowed to return to their original place of residence, but judging from the limited information available here on this subject, it is believed that these were only individual cases and not a large-scale action. Recently, the "Internationale Juristen Kommission" sent us some material based on an interview of refugees stating that the 1952 resettlement wave was stopped by a Governmental Decree and that some resettlers were allowed to return to their former place of residence. However, very little information about this is available here, and it is recommended to wait for further developments.

The original resettlement to JESENICE is believed here to have missed its purpose of border security, since JESENICE in CHEB (not Karlovy Vary) District is also in the border zone.

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Anfang Maerz 1955 sind 15 Familien, die vor etwa ein-
einhalb Jahren das Grenzgebiet verlassen mussten, wieder nach
MARIANSKE LAZNE zurueckgekehrt. Die Evakuierung erfolgte seiner-
zeit wegen angeblicher politischer Unzuverlaessigkeit.

Die "Heimkehrer" kamen aus dem Bezirk JESENICE im Bezirk
KARLOVY VARY; bevor sie die Bewilligung zur Rueckkehr nach
MARIANSKI LAZNE ausgehaendigt erhielten, mussten sie einen Revers
unterschreiben, demzufolge sie auf ihre fruheren Wohnungen in
MARIANSKE LAZNE verzichten und sich verpflichten, diesbezuglich
keinerlei Ansprueche zu stellen.

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Vor eineinhalb Jahren wurden etwa 200 Personen aus
MARIANSKE LAZNE weggebracht; es handelt sich vor allem um
Arbeiter und ehemalige Kaufleute.

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