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Location

1. "The town of Rybnik located on the Nacynia river, developed from a small fishing settlement, of historical character, which was already established in the eleventh century. Fishing still flourishes in the Rybnik area up to this date [1954].

Growth

2. "Since the 19th century when the coal mines were opened up throughout the area, the small locality has grown into the principal town of the surrounding coal mine region. Consequently, the district administration was established in Rybnik. Before World War II, Rybnik belonged to the Polish part of Upper Silesia. During World War II the population of Rybnik was around 23 thousand, but this number increased to over 32 thousand in 1945. The town itself was only very slightly damaged during World War II, and its industrial enterprises remained almost untouched.

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Industry

3. "Rybnik's importance lies in being the administrative center for the 'gwarectwo węglowe' (coal mine area). Regarding industry, Rybnik has only two leather factories, two furniture factories, one brewery, two large distilleries, one large printing enterprise and several brickkilns in the suburban area. The largest plant within the town itself is an enterprise for the production of machinery. In Prusowice, located nearby, the 'Silesia' enamel works, one of the largest enterprises of this type in all of Poland, is located. After World War II, out of all these enterprises only 'Silesia' retained its former importance and the machinery plant was specialized for the manufacture of machinery for coal mines only. In addition, the administrative body for the coal mines kept its seat in Rybnik under the new name: 'Rybnickie Zjednoczenie Przemysłu Węglowego'. Its offices are now in the so-called missionaries' house on Kosciuszko street.

Points of Interest in Town of Rybnik

4. "The following details concern the location of some installations within the town [Rybnik] itself: [These points can be located by alphabetic letter on map of the Rybnik area.]

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- a. Railway station with limited sized workshops.
- b. PKS - state-run autobus station, large.
- c. Sanatorium for treatment of mental disorders, in the northern outskirts of the town.
- d. Sw. Antoniego church - in the northeastern outskirts of the town. A two-tower church visible from far away.
- e. Area labor court - in the former buildings of the Rybnik Castle.
- f. Gas works.
- g. Military barracks, in the northern outskirts of the town. Before World War II, a unit of the 75th Infantry Regiment was quartered in these barracks, located close to the Ruda lake. The battalion has its summer exercise place near Debicz, close to Raciborz (German: Ratibor).
- h. Coal mine machinery plant, where, according to Warsaw data, the production of the 'PZP-45' and 'PZ-PANZ'-type coal mine transportation equipment has been introduced. The plant employs around five hundred workers.
- i. Saw mill.

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5. "The following is a description of coal mines and objects in the Rybnik area:

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No	Object	Location On Plan	Remarks
1	'Anna' coal mine	M 10, 11	Located on the northern outskirts of the PSZOW settlement. The coal mine has two shafts and employs around three thousand miners. The shaft depth is approximately one thousand meters and the shafts are being extended to reach a depth of 1,100 meters. Bituminous and gas coal are mined. During World War II the coal was sent for further reprocessing to the 'Hermann Goering' Chemical Enterprise in Heidebreck (now: Kedzierzyn). The coal mine became highly mechanized in 1952 by the introduction of Soviet-type combined excavation and transportation machinery. The mine

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1	contd		is quoted by Warsaw sources as leading in the field of rationalization of production methods. In 1953, it was among those on top of the list of high quota achievements. The coal miners' settlement is located in Pszow. Here also a PGR state-owned estate is established which supplies its produce to the coal mine canteens.
2	'Rydultowy' coal mine	J,K, 13, 14	This has three hoisting coal mine shafts (Leon, Ignacy, Karol) and one ventilation and supply shaft. The depth of the coal mine is around one thousand meters. Type of mine: Warm and gassy. Around 3,500 miners are employed. The mine has its own small power plant connected with the area high tension net.
3	'Emma' coal mine	M,N, 17, 18	This coal mine is now operating as an auxiliary outfit for the Emma cokery which is equipped with six batteries with 24-hour production capacity of around 2,700 tons of coke. The cokery is connected by a cable car system line with the 'Anna' coal mine. In both the 'Emma' coal mine (shaft depth around one thousand m) and the cokery, up to four thousand workers and coal miners are employed.
4	'Ignacy' coal mine	K 16	The mine is near the Newiadom settlement. Before World War I it was known as 'Hoymgrube'. The depth of the mine is around eight hundred meters. Type of mine: Cold, output is typical coal for heating purposes. 'Ignacy' employs around 1,500 miners. The mine is equipped with its own small power plant connected with the area high tension net. The mine is connected with the Newiadom railway station--around 1 1/2 km north--by a cable car line
5	'Rymer' coal mine	L, K, 18,19	This mine is near the Niedoprzyce Wies settlement. The mine has two shafts. Heating coal is produced. In its eight sections and briquette factory around two thousand coal miners are employed. It has an underground connection to the Ignacy mine. (No 4).

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6	'Chwalowice' coal mine	J 22, 23	This is the pre-World War II Donnersmarck coal mine, with two shafts of around eight hundred meters depth. The mine employs approximately three thousand miners. The product is heating coal. Type of mine: Warm and gassy. In 1953, some Soviet-type excavation and transportation combines were installed in this mine. The small power plant of the mine is connected with the area high tension net.
7	'Jankowice' coal mine	L,M, 24, 25	This gas-type coal mine has shafts up to one thousand meters depth. It is employing around two thousand coal miners. In 1952, when an explosion occurred in the mine, 80 coal miners were killed. The coal mine is connected with the main railway line by a branch via Niedopszyce-Chwalowice-Jankowice. In the Jankowice settlement a PGR estate (state-owned) is operated.
8	'Debinsko' coal mine	Outside reach of the plan	It is situated northeast of Rybnik. This coal mine has three shafts, the largest throughout the Rybnik area. It employs at least four thousand coal miners including laborers at the cokery which is attached to the mine. The large PGR 'Czerwionka' is located in Debinsko and specializes in the breeding of horses and poultry.
9	former 'Charlottengrube'	H 12, 13	This mine is now used only as an auxiliary shaft for the Rydultowy coal mine. (No 2)
10	'Mazana' coal mine	Outside reach of the plan	This mine is now being developed near Wodzislaw, south of Rybnik. The mine is located near the small Wilchwy settlement. Its construction was started in the end of 1951. By the end of 1953 the first shaft was su There are plans to put this coal mine into operation in 1955.
11	Sand pits	N 6, 7	These pits are located near Lubomia. The newly laid railway branches from the main railway line near Paprotnik. Apart from these sand pits the Rybnik coal mine area will have at its disposal another sand pit near Bojanow (German: Kriegsbach). The Bojanow sand pit is presently being developed. The sand will be transported for the time being by trucks from the Bojanow sand pit to the railway station in Krzanowice (German: Kranstedt) situated south from Raciborz. (Beyond the reach of the plan).

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12	(Omitted by source)		
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14	'Silesia' enamel works	F 23, 24	<p>This large, previously independent plant was incorporated in 1927 into the Flick-Bismark-Huete Konzern. In 1936, as a part of this concern it was incorporated into the Polish state-owned 'Wspolnota Interesow'. The plant is equipped with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Thin plates rolling plant</li> <li>b. stamping works for cylindrical objects</li> <li>c. enamel works</li> <li>d. zinc plating and tinning installations.</li> </ul> <p>In 1926 the zinc plating for rolled metals and the electrical ovens for enamel manufacture were installed. The factory employs 1,500 to two thousand workers, according to available data.</p>
15	Gasoline dump	A 24, 25	<p>Near Kamien. This dump, established in 1952, is in the forest west of the settlement. A railway branch-off connects the dump with the nearby Rzedowka railway station. According to available details smaller-type cisterns were used to build this dump which is under military supervision.</p>
16	Leather factories	G H 1	<p>Tannery for hides and skins, near Debica. The collecting point for leather quotas is operated in nearby Doly.</p>
17	Plant for Railway Signalization / Plant producing railway signals/	G H 27	<p>In Gotartowice, which is an auxiliary outfit for the main plant in Zory. (Zory southeast of Rybnik is outside reach of the plan).</p>
18	(Omitted by source)		
19			
20	Railway bridge	H 21	<p>Destroyed during World War II and now under reconstruction. It will be completed in 1954. The bridge is south of Rybnik on the Rybnik-Sumina railway line. This bridge with two-way tracks is around 80 meters long and 12 meters above water level.</p>
21	Railway bridge	E-23,24	<p>Destroyed during World War II and reconstructed. It was completed in the end of 1953. Located north of Rybnik, on the Rybnik-Paruszowice railway line. The bridge is for two-way track traffic. It is around 60 meters long and around 20 meters above water level.</p>

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No	Object	Location on Plan	Remarks
22	Railway bridge	O 18	Near Chalupki. Destroyed during World War II, it was reconstructed and finished in the end of 1953. It is a steel and concrete construction, for two-way tracks, 40 meters long and four meters above water level.
23	Highway bridge	D 22	Destroyed during World War II, reconstructed and finished in 1952. On the Rybnik--Gliwice highway.
24	Highway bridge	G 20	West of Rybnik in the Smolno suburb. Destroyed during World War II, reconstructed with a viaduct leading over the Rybnik-Raciborz railway line.

"Besides these bridge reconstructions throughout the Rybnik area, another investment in the communication system was added in 1952 and 1953; a completely new highway is under construction as a kind of southern by-pass of the town. It will simultaneously connect the following coal mines in the southern Rybnik area: Jankowice, Ignacy and Rydułtowy.

"One more capital investment is the construction of the new railway connection through the former frontier area. Alongside the route of the pre-World War II narrow-gauge line, normal-gauge tracks were laid between Markowice (German: Markdorf) and Dabice. By this investment the coal mines located south of Rybnik received a normal-gauge railway connection with Raciborz, Katowice and Kędzierzyn (German: Heidebreck).

along the Rybnik-Raciborz highway a military telephone line is in operation. This line leads north of Rybnik in the direction of Katowice. 50X1-HUM

"The whole area is supplied with power by the Łaziska power plant. This power plant -- one of the largest in the eastern part of Silesia -- was known before World War II by the name of 'Elektra' and was a part of the Pszczyzna concern owned by the Pless family. The various small power plants of the coal mines are linked up with the high tension net of the Rybnik area based on 'Elektra'."

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