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EUROPE'S 1957 STEEL PRODUCTION UP, BUT COAL PRODUCTION LAGS

Steel production for the year 1957 in the European Coal and Steel Community is estimated at some 60 million metric tons, or 5% above the 1956 figure and 43.5 above that for 1952, the last year before the opening of the common market for coal and steel. From 1956 to 1957, the increase in Community steel production was more rapid than in Great Britain, the United States, or the USSR.

But Community coal production for 1957 is estimated at 248 million metric tons, or only 3.8% above the 1952 figure, and 0.4% below that for 1956. This compares with 1956/7 increases of some 1% in Great Britain, 10% in the United States, and 8% in the USSR.

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STEEL PRODUCTION (in millions of metric tons)

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1957/56</u>	<u>1957/52</u>
European Community	42	57	60	+ 5.3 %	+ 42.8 %
Great Britain	17	21	22	+ 4.8 %	+ 29.4 %
United States	84	104	104	0	+ 23.8 %
USSR	34	49	51	+ 4.1 %	+ 50.0 %

COAL PRODUCTION (in millions of metric tons)

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1957/56</u>	<u>1957/52</u>
European Community	239	249	248	- 0.4 %	+ 3.8 %
Great Britain	230	226	223	+ 0.9 %	- 0.9 %
United States	457	480	530	+10.4 %	+ 16.0 %
USSR	230	304	330	+ 8.5 %	+ 43.5 %

(1) Estimates

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