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1. "Srebrenica in East Bosnia, the ancient lead-zinc mine, is being reopened Dec 53. Large bodies of ore have been found under the old workings. Srebrenica has been famous for more than two thousand years. Illyriens, Romans and Saxons drew their wealth from these silver and gold bearing ores. The invasion of the Turks stopped mining there. The Austrians investigated the mines again but could not find payable ore. Recent geological researches have been successful and production is expected in 1954. The Black Guber Well has also been curbed and its healing water, known from old, healing anaemia, will be bottled.
2. "On the Sneznik mountain, North East Istria, big bauxite ore bodies in higher sections have recently been discovered Dec 53."
3. "The Majdanpek mine, North East Serbia, has produced up to the present Dec 53 pyrite and limonite. Geological investigations since 1949 have been very successful and 105 million tons of ore containing 0.85 - 0.9% copper and an economical amount of pyrite have been ascertained and mapped. Adits amounting to 15,300 m, 800 m investigation-shafts and 3500 m of drill holes have been driven. Mining is planned partly by surface workings and partly by underground work. The flotation plant will have to treat 10 thousand tons of ore per day. The concentrates are going to be smelted at Bor, 35 km southeast of Majdanpek. Yearly metal production from Majdanpek ores is calculated at a rate of 25 thousand tons copper, 30 tons silver and three tons of gold. Production is expected not earlier than 1957."

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