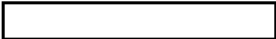


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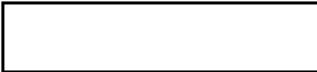


Work, which for a month and a half was brought almost to a stop by lack of materials, had been resumed at an increased pace. This was made possible by the delivery of large quantities of manganese dioxide of English origin, which allegedly was brought into the Soviet Zone by way of Holland. It is reported that three shifts will be worked, because the factory is behind on commitments since November 1953, and 16,400 dry cell batteries have to be manufactured in a month. That will be possible if deliveries of zinc sheets are not interrupted. The conditions for more rapid production were created during December 1953 by the making of parts.

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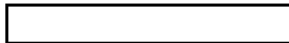


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