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Negotiations described in [redacted] between the Italians and Vasili Kamenski, the Russian commercial representative in Rome, were reportedly on an unofficial basis and are said to have been discontinued for the following reasons:

1. The USSR did not have raw materials ready for immediate delivery to Italy;

2. No agreement could be reached on prices at which USSR materials were to be exchanged;

3. The Russians were annoyed by the anti-Russian attitude of the Italian center and right press in general and the Troika affair* in particular.

* A circular describing the Troika organization as an armed terrorist group backed by Russia was published by the Chief of the Italian police on 19 September 1946.

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