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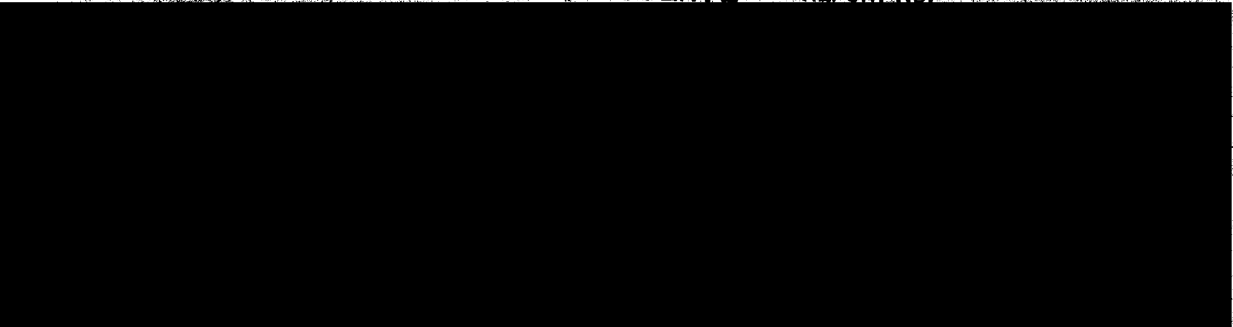
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1. Owing to the policy followed by the Rio Tinto Company on exports of pyrites since the Korean war began; Switzerland is now having to seek supplies in Greece and Italy. Pyrites obtained from these countries are equal in technical value to the Spanish product but delivery is slow and precarious.

2. Both the Swiss and the Belgian governments were recently on the point of addressing protests to the Spanish government regarding the effect of the Rio Tinto Company's monopolistic policy on their trade relations with Spain. They withheld action, however, when they succeeded in obtaining pyrites from other sources.

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3. [REDACTED] believed that if numerous protests of the kind mentioned in paragraph 2 materialized, the Spanish government might begin to talk of nationalization.

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[REDACTED] reported that the FRANCO government was considering plans for the nationalization of Rio Tinto [REDACTED]

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