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1. At the present time between 150 to 170 percent of the annual timber quota is being relied. In the spring of 1951 forestry experts went to Prime Minister Antonin Zapotocky to protest against the devastation of the forests. When they pointed out that not even the next generation would be able to make up for this unreasonable exploitation of the forests, the Prime Minister answered that the Czechoslovak mines and ironworks needed the timber now and that future generations should remedy the damage as they saw fit.
2. Attempts to import timber from Rumania and Poland have failed completely. Some timber was imported but the quality was so bad that further imports were discontinued.

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