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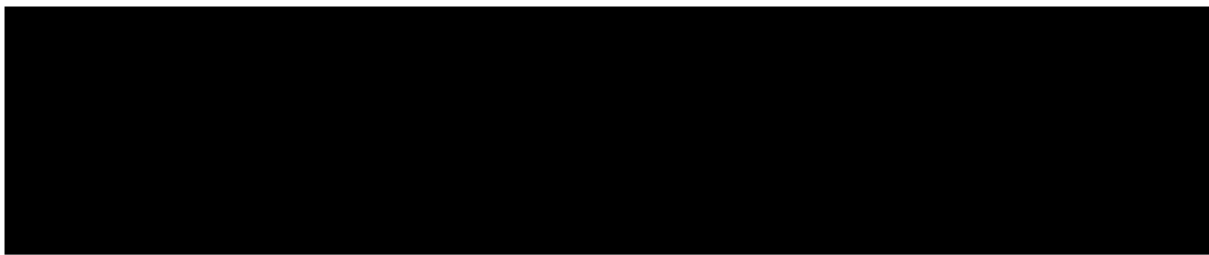
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1. economic experts in Innsbruck are today working on plans for the future economic relations between North and South Tirol, and particularly on the outlines of the economic agreement of the Paris Accord of 5 September 1946.
2. Importance is attached in Innsbruck economic circles to two memoranda, prepared by Dr. Jaconcik, a native of South Tirol and former Heimwehr Minister. Jaconcik proposed that:
 - a. The economic relations between North and South Tirol be modelled on those existing between the Swiss Canton of Geneva and the neighboring French zones of Gex, St. Julien and St. Gingolph;
 - b. Innsbruck become the center of the economic exchange between North and South Europe.
3. Jaconcik's ideas are being considered by a special committee set up by Landeshauptmann Weissgatterer, and consisting of Jaconcik himself, Graf Trapp and Dr. Augenthaler, who is about to replace Ingegnere Leon as head of the Tirolese Office for Foreign Trade.
4. Through Ingegnere Leon, Jaconcik's ideas have been disclosed to certain Trentiner deputies to the Rome Parliament, who accepted them with enthusiasm. There is little doubt therefore that they are known to the Italians.
5. To date the South Tirolese leaders have been given only a brief summary of Jaconcik's ideas. Their reaction is somewhat negative. They stress that the political situation in South Tirol must be clarified before any economic agreement can be reached. Further, they foresee a certain conflict between North and South Tirol as to whether Innsbruck or Bosen should become the center of economic exchange between the north and south.

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