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1. The April 1947 output of agricultural machinery of the Landwirtschaftliche Maschinenfabrik Hofherr-Schranz AG, which was requisitioned by the Russians has now to a large extent been carried eastward. Since the current May production was also being confiscated, the Austrian cabinet decided to take action on this matter at its meeting on 12 May 1947.
2. Minister Krauland suggested that the Austrian Government stop all deliveries of raw materials to this factory. If the Russians still persisted in their policy of immediate confiscation, then the Austrian Government could take more drastic steps and cut off Hofherr-Schranz's power supply.
3. Krauland's proposal was unanimously adopted by the cabinet. Minister Altmann (CP) was present at this meeting.
4. Krauland also proposed that a press conference be called so that all the known facts might be threshed out publicly.

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