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minorities, the RJ amplifies very traditional received ideas on bilingualism, the excellence of French, Germanization or linguistic determinism that it reinterprets and directs in a direction allowing it to make French a symbolic weapon. This linguistic position is pushed to its climax until it becomes a real posture of political combat in the context of the Jura Question. Germanization or linguistic determinism that he reinterprets and directs in a direction allowing him to make French a symbolic weapon. This linguistic position is pushed to its climax until it becomes a real posture of political combat in the context of the Jura Question. Germanization or linguistic determinism that he reinterprets and directs in a direction allowing him to make French a symbolic weapon. This linguistic position is pushed to its climax until it becomes a real posture of political combat in the context of the Jura Question.

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