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dictatorship. One of the claims was that the roads would reconcile nature and technology. Rather than destroying the environment, they

would embellish the landscape. Many historians have t