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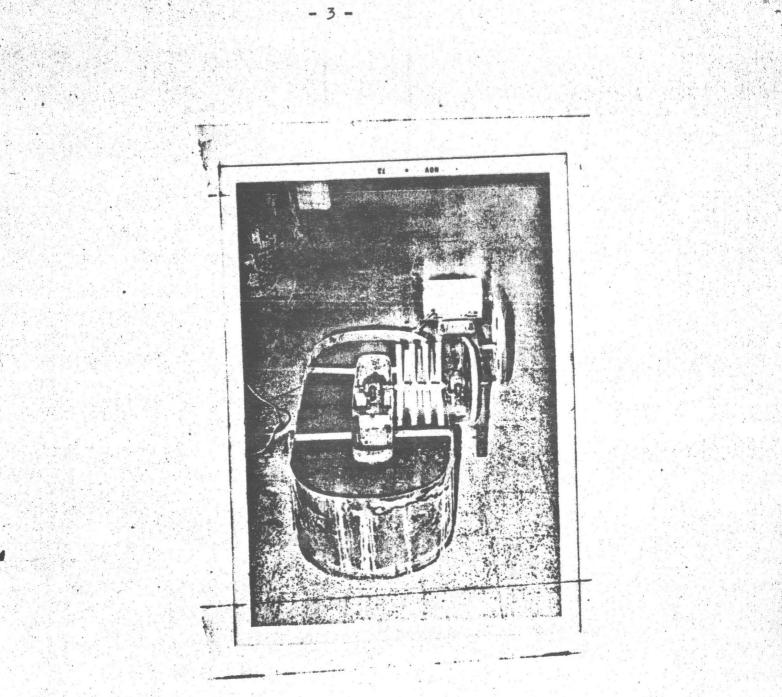
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The sample of sugar wastes were weekly taken from a sugar factory at Rachburi province until the milling season ended, in order to find the variation of its biological, chemical, and physical characteristics in the treatment process by mean of modification of oxidation pond.



# FIGURE 1

The aeration system with rotor



## FIGURE 2

The aeration system with rotor operating at 120 RPM and 5 cm rotor blade of immersio