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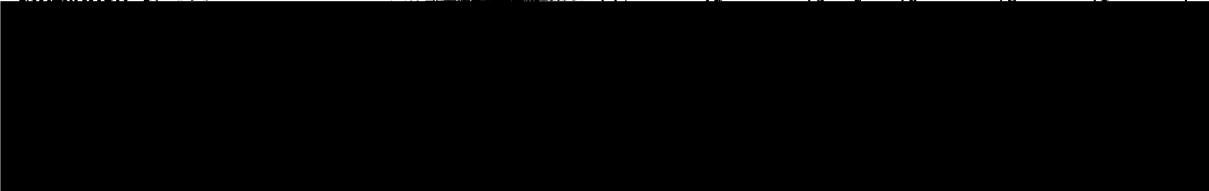
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1. As a result of representations and complaints from the Slovene Control Commission, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia forced Janez Hribar - the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry - to resign on 16 February. The reasons for Hribar's resignation were:
 - a. Unwillingness to accept advice of experts;
 - b. Maladministration of Slovene agriculture and forestry.
2. Hribar has now been offered the sinecure post of President of the Co-operatives Committee. He continues to function as a member of the Central Committee of the Slovene Communist Party.
3. The new Minister of Agriculture and Forestry is Ing. Jozse Levstik.

Note: Levstik was born in Zagorje in 1908, the son of a peasant. Graduated in law and agriculture at Zagreb University. He joined the Communist Party while still at school. One of the foundation members of the Slovene Liberation Front. Shortly after the war he was appointed Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry. As a result of constant disputes with Hribar, he resigned and became General Secretary of the Praesidium of the Slovene Parliament. He was later appointed Inspector of the Slovene Government Control Commission - the Commission responsible for forcing Hribar's resignation.)

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