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... Hungarian Communist directors met at Communist Party headquarters to study the situation in regard to raw materials and Hungarian importations from western countries. The more notable people present were: Matyas Rakosi, Ernő Gerő, István Friss, Zoltán Vas, András Szobek, István Szabo, and László Hay.

2. Friss presented a report based on information from the Hungarian commercial agencies for foreign trade and on the reports of the Communist parties of the western countries. In this report he emphasized the increasing difficulties of purchasing in the countries of western Europe. In conclusion he asked, in consideration of the general rise in prices on the world market, that Hungarian purchases concentrate on raw materials which are of vital importance for the war economy.

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4. Further, it was decided that maritime transports of which the official destination cannot be Constantza must be sent through ports in Israel and in Turkey. If possible, boats should be found which ~~will change their destination~~ while en route and go straight to Constantza. ~~At this Rumanian port the goods must be delivered to representatives of MAREP.~~
5. A special committee will be charged with drawing up a list of priority goods, some of which are to be purchased at no matter what price.
6. Stocks of raw materials having military value are to be immediately frozen, and in the production of articles for public consumption all raw materials that come from abroad must be replaced by substitutes.

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