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1. On 31 January and the morning of 1 February 1955 the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party held a plenary session devoted to the situation of collective agriculture. The agenda consisted of two motions to change the composition and the form of management of the collective farms, to become effective before the summer of 1955. The two motions were as follows:
 - a. To reduce the number of collective farms by mergers, thus strengthening the control over them and resolving the shortage of experienced supervisory personnel; and to lower the quotas which the collective farmer and the private farmer must deliver to the state; and
 - b. To abolish a number of collective farms by expelling all persons who had proved unreliable or unwilling to live on the collective farms; to place the land and equipment of the abolished collectives at the disposal of a special government trust and, in the course of time, to establish new collectives; not to admit all peasants who wish to join collectives, but to have them first undergo certain political training; to increase the payment for agricultural quotas without changing the quotas; and to transfer part of the army officers, discharged for budgetary reasons, to central positions in the collective farms.
2. Members of the government, particularly in the Ministry of Agriculture, warned against the dissolution of any collective farming unit. They recommended a reorganization of the existing ones, but they would not consent to merging more than two collectives in any particular case.

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3. The State Planning Commission was asked for its opinion on the motions to lower the agricultural quotas while raising the quota payment, but it is not known what decisions were taken. When taken, the decisions will be brought before the supreme national body of the collective farms, for which purpose a special meeting of that body will be called shortly.
4. By 3 February 1955 the press had neither reported on the plenary session of the Central Committee nor had it mentioned the subjects under discussion.

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