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1. The site of Dunapentele for the new steel plant was chosen on short notice after abandonment of the site of Mohács. All the necessary details for modification of the plans were sent to the Institute of Metallurgic Projects at Leningrad, and there the plans were elaborated for the organization of the plant at Dunapentele.
2. For some time the State Planning Office and the People's Economic Council have been alarmed because of serious difficulties which were encountered in the actual construction. The subsoil does not seem able to support such heavy buildings. Slidings and sinkings have resulted. In particular it is feared that the metallurgical establishments are on unfavorable terrain and that the nearness of the Danube may cause still other troubles.
3. After receiving the first reports concerning these new difficulties, Ernő Gerő called a meeting at which were present Zoltan Vas, president of the State Planning Office, Kirov, representing the analogous Soviet office, and all the competent university professors and Hungarian geological experts.
4. There was a violent discussion in the course of which reproaches were exchanged about the choice of this site. The first decision taken has been the urgent dispatch of geologists to the scene. Expert geologists will be permanently attached to the construction.
5. Kirov said he would ask his superiors to send to Hungary a Soviet expert who would himself have control of the situation.

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