

(Hungary)

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MEMO ON THE NEW HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT (fourth and final release)

Minister of Domestic
Trade:

János JAKSI.

He was deputy minister in the same ministry in 1951, subsequently he became Deputy Minister of Home and Foreign Trade. After that ministry was split up in July 1954 he was appointed first deputy minister of domestic trade and in April 1956 upped to the rank of Minister in the same ministry.

Minister of Chemical
Industry:

Gergely SIKSI.

Was in the same position in 1957. In January 1959 became chief of the secretarial office of the Council of Ministers. Since July 10, 1956, again Minister of Chemical Industry.

Minister of Light
Industry:

Mrs. János HALI.

A former textile worker, became manager of the HUNGARIST "Hungarian Cotton Mill." In January 1951, Deputy Minister of Light Industry. In 1953 became deputy chairman of the National Planning Office. In September 1955 was appointed Minister of Light Industry.

Minister of Communal
Economy:

Ferenc HEVAL.

A leather worker, former deputy president of the HUNGARIST town councils executive committee. First deputy minister in the same ministry from June 1956.

Minister of State Farms
(Sovkhozess): Miklós BIRKASSKY.

Has been holding leading offices in the Ministry of Agriculture since 1952. In 1953

he won the Kossuth Prize and 10,000 Soviet cash prize. Was appointed deputy minister in the same ministry January 1953.

Minister of Food
Industry:

Bezo NIERZ.

Born 1903. Printer. Former social democrat; after the fusion (June 1946) became org. secretary of the KMP's PEST County Party committee. In 1954 was nominated Deputy president of National Council of Trading Co-operatives (SZOVOSZ.) Has been Minister of Food Industry since July 30, 1956.

Minister of Produce
Collection:

Arad STERNZ.

Journalist, he wrote articles in Szabad Szop about agricultural problems. "Tarsadalmi Szemle" in September 1954 published an essay of his titled: "The role of simpler forms of co-operation in our relations movement."

Minister of Communications
and Post:

Lajos BERNITS.

Born 1891. Former railroad employee. Worked as a Communist journalist and member of the American Communist Party in the U.S.A. Was deported in 1932, went to the Soviet Union, and after his return to Hungary in 1945 became secretary of state in the Ministry of Communications, being the right hand of Erzs GERS, then head of the ministry. Was appointed Minister of Communications in July 1951 and subsequently in July 1953 Minister of Communications and Post.

Minister of People's
Cultures:

Georgy SKHAGE.

Aged 71. He was Minister of Education in Bela KUV's 1919 regime. During the thirties he emigrated to the Soviet Union, whence he returned after the war (1945.) He is the most outstanding Marxist-Leninist philosopher of the regime and one of the leaders of the "thaw" in Hungary. He criticized bitterly the degeneration of Marxism-Leninism by Stalinists.

Minister of
Education:

Albert KONTA.

Born 1917, teacher of mathematics and physics, Nuclear physicist. From 1952 until autumn 1954 deputy minister of education, then until July 10 1956, deputy chief of the CC's scientific and cultural section and subsequently Minister of Education.

Chairman of the National
Planning Office:

Arpad KISS.

Was Minister of Light Industry from 1951 to October 1954, when he became Minister of Chemical Industry and Power. Dismissed from this Ministry, was appointed President of National Council of Technical Development. In 1954 won the silver degree of the Kossuth Prize with a 20,000 forint cash prize. In January 1956 became deputy chairman of the national atomic energy committee.

PARTY STATUS OF NEW CABINET MEMBERS

Follows a list of members of the new Hungarian cabinet, in the order names were announced by Radio BUDAPEST on October 27. Also given are their party affiliation and any official positions held in the party.

Note: HWP is the abbreviation for Hungarian Working People's (Communist) Party.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Position</u>
BAGY Laci	HWP (CP)	Central Committee and Politbureau member,
APFO	HWP (CP)	Central Committee and Politbureau member,
BOSZAR	Smallholder	secretary general,
ERSEI	National Peasant Party	general secretary,
FILTY	Smallholder	
HORVATH Laci	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
JANIA	HWP (CP)	
MUNICH	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
KOVACS Bela	Smallholder	
KOSHA	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
MOLNAR	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
OSZBEG	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
BAKSI	Undocumented, but almost certainly HWP (CP)	
CHOTNER	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
TAJCS	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
SEBES Gyorgy	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
BAGY Mrs.	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
FRIVAL	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
RIMANSENY	Undocumented, but almost certainly HWP (CP)	
NYERS	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
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SEBES	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
LAKACS	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member,
KOZVA	HWP (CP)	Central Committee alternate member,
KISS Arpad	HWP (CP)	Central Committee member

HUNGARIAN EVALUATION COMMENT

Of the 25 members of the new cabinet, only eight are newcomers. 19 are known members of the Communist Party, according to documentary evidence, and two more are also very probably CP members. Three are Smallholders and one belongs to the National Peasant Party.

The following members of the previous cabinet were excluded:

Prime Minister NEKSIUS, First Deputy Premier ELIAS, Deputy Premier NEMES, Deputy Premier MAROSI, Minister of the Interior FURCS, Minister of Defense BATA, Minister of Finance GAT, Minister of Produce Collection SZORNEI, Minister of Construction BELJARTO, Minister of People's Culture DANYAS, Minister of Health KEMES, Minister of State Farms POGACSIAS, Minister of Agriculture MATOLCZY and Minister of Communal Economy SZABO.

Of the excluded former cabinet members, only DANYAS is not a CP member.

The situation regarding the Ministry of State Control is for the time being unclear. No minister has been appointed. The name of Arpad RAKI, head of this ministry, is not included in the new cabinet list. So far the abolition of the ministry has not been announced, therefore the post of ministers has to be considered vacant.

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