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Puzanov reports on North Korea's Five-Year Plan, Nam II's request for medicine to treat animals, the tenth anniversary of the DPRK's founding, and North Korea's participation in a congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

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of Soviet Ambassador in the DPRK A. M. Puzanov during the period 31 May through 11 June 1958

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Pyongyang

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11 June 1958

I participated in the closing meeting of the session of the Supreme People's Assembly.

Kim Il Sung gave a one-hour speech at the session. In his speech he noted the great importance of the first five-year plan for the development for the DPRK and what great importance this plan has for raising the standard of living of the population, for the peaceful reunification of the country, and for strengthening the entire socialist camp.

At the instruction of the commission elected by the session writer Ri Gi-yeong, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly, read the text of the letter to the Chinese people's volunteers and the Chinese people. The letter was well-drafted, substantive, and permeated with a feeling of great love and gratitude to the Chinese people.

The session unanimously adopted the proposed text of the letter.

Kang Ryang-uk, Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, read the draft decision about the first DPRK five-year plan for two hours. The proposed text of the law about the five-year plan was adopted by the session without change. Then the session approved the Decrees of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and elected Jeong Du-hwan chairman of the budget commission inasmuch as the current chairman had been appointed Minister of Finance. At the suggestion of Minister of Justice Heo Jeong-suk the session elected a commission to propose changes and amendments to the DPRK Constitution.

The session revoked the credentials of deputies Kim Du-bong, O Gi-seop, Pak Ui-won, Ryu Chun-un, and Jang Pyeong-san for anti-Party activity. [Translator's note: the last name was entered by hand].

At the end of the session Choe Won-taek, Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly, made a brief speech.

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I visited Nam II at his invitation. Nam II asked [me] to talk with Moscow and help in the rapid dispatch of medicines to treat cows. Nam II asked to whom Embassy officials in Moscow should turn to buy medicines.

I advised turning to Cde. Petrov, Deputy USSR Minister of Agriculture, or to Cde. Goloshchapov, Chief of the Veterinary Directorate. I said that we will call them about this issue and ask for help (Counsellor V. I. Pelishenko talked with Cde. Goloshchapov by telephone and Cde. Goloshchapov said that everything will be done).

Nam II reported that Kim II Sung is somewhat ill and therefore he had not gone to work for two days. Not being at all well, he spoke at a session today and will not be able to be at work for the next several days.

I asked Nam II whether the KWP CC Presidium had considered a plan for preparing to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the DPRK.

Nam II relied that the Presidium had not yet considered a plan but this plan has been prepared. After discussions with Kim Chang-man Nam II said that tomorrow a CC official will hold a conversation with Embassy officials about this issue and tell about the planned events.

I asked Nam II, when will the KWP delegation be going to the congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and what will be its membership?

Nam II replied that Kim Chang-man and KWP CC member Yu Cheol-mok, delegation member and chairman of the provincial committee of the province of South Hwanghae, will fly together with him to Peking on 12 June and on 13 June to Moscow on a TU-104.

I thanked Nam II for the information...

USSR AMBASSADOR IN THE DPRK

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