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**Report, Hungarian Foreign Ministry to the Embassy
of Hungary in North Korea (Excerpt)**

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Summary:

The Hungarian Ambassador to North Korea detailing the behavior of the North Korean delegation at the April 4, 1950 celebrations held in Budapest.

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For the information of the Ambassador I should like to relate our experiences with the members of the Korean government delegation that was in Budapest on the occasion of the celebrations of 4 April.

Ri Pyeong-nam [Ri Pyong Nam] [emphasis in the original], Minister of Health, the head of the delegation [...]

Pak Dong-cho [Pak Dong Cho] [emphasis in the original], Deputy Foreign Minister, the deputy head of the delegation, alternate member of the Korean Workers' Party Political Bureau [....]

At first, the Korean delegation was very reticent [....] The fact that most of them had never been abroad, and only a few of them spoke any foreign languages, contributed to that. In contrast with the other Far Eastern delegation, the Chinese, one could not find out which program they liked and which program they liked less. One never could judge their mood by their behavior.

In addition, they made approaches to other delegations very rarely. For the most part, they just introduced themselves to each arriving delegation, but they did not attempt to get in touch with them later. Relatively speaking, it was the Chinese delegation that they met most frequently. As their visit was drawing to its end, they began to relax a bit, and in the course of some programs they were already in a quite good mood.

Nevertheless, their behavior differed from the behavior of the other Far Eastern delegation till the very last, for they kept a certain detachment and reticence all the time.

[...]

By order of the Minister
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