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Summary:

During his visits with Eastern European ambassadors to the DPRK, Puzanov hears reports about the Hungarian "counterrevolutionary uprising" and the DPRK's economic needs.

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I paid visits to the Ambassadors of the Hungarian People's Republic, Prat Karoly; the Czechoslovak Republic, Surin Mikulas; and the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Tsolo Kristev Kamenov.

In the conversation which took place Prat Karoly, speaking of the Hungarian events, said that in the very first days he assessed them as a counterrevolutionary uprising. Prat Karoly noted that Imre Nagy had committed treason unprecedented in history. However, up to now the traitorous role of Imre Nagy has been very poorly covered in the Hungarian press. It is necessary for the workers, intellectuals, and peasants of Hungary to know well what treason Imre Nagy committed with respect to the people's democratic system.

Speaking of the conversation which took place with Cde. Siroky, the leader of the Czechoslovak government delegation in the DPRK, during the reception Prat Karoly reported the following statements by Cde. Siroky:

If the Hungarian Peoples Republic needs military aid then the Czechoslovak Republic will readily do this and send its military units. But at the present time there is no need of this inasmuch as there are Soviet troops in Hungary;

Imre Nagy committed such a crime, treason, that he ought to be tried and severely punished.

Ambassador of the Czechoslovak Republic Surin Mikulas reported that it seemed strange to Cde. Siroky that during government talks absolutely no issues were raised by Kim Il Sung about additional aid from the CSR to the Korean Peoples Democratic Republic, although the living conditions of the DPRK population continue to remain low and on 4 March of this year in a conversation with the Czechoslovak ambassador Nam Il asked the former to pass a request from the DPRK government for additional aid in clothing and shoes.

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