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Summary:

Liri Belishova shared her impressions of the DPRK, praising its progress on economic development and socialistic development.

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Albanian Ambassador Petro Gedeshi held a reception in the club of the Ministry of Railways in connection with the visit to the DPRK of Hadzi Leshi. Hadzi Leshi and Choe Yong-geon spoke at the reception. In his speech Haxhi Lleshi spoke very warmly about the Soviet Union and sharply criticized the Yugoslav revisionists headed by Tito.

A conversation with Liri Belishova was held during the reception (we were seated next to one another at a table). She spoke very warmly and sincerely about the enormous aid of the Soviet Union to the Albanian people in the building of a new life and the unforgettable visit to Albania by Cde. N. S. Khrushchev. She said that in any place in their country if someone gets the idea of speaking against the Soviet Union they would literally start to beat [him], without listening to any explanations. She shared her impressions of the DPRK. Belishova said, it is evident to everyone that the people have rallied around the Worker's Party and their government, and are exhibiting high persistence and selflessness in the building of a new life. A great deal of work has been done to develop the economy in a comparatively short time in the northern part of Korea; not only have the cities, enterprises, schools, hospitals, and

homes destroyed by the barbaric bombing of the American troops been restored but great successes in the development of socialism have also been achieved. Everywhere our delegation appeared they were greeted cordially and joyfully. Speaking of the meetings with Party and government leaders Liri Belishova noted that there were no talks and conversations about foreign policy or other issues. "In fact, the meetings with Kim Il Sung and indeed the meetings with Choe Yong-geon were of a protocol nature".

[...]

USSR AMBASSADOR IN THE DPRK

[signature] (A. PUZANOV)

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