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**Telegram from the Hungarian Embassy in  
Pyongyang, 'Convocation of the Korean Workers'  
Party's 4th Congress'**

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**Summary:**

A report on the convocation of the Korean Worker's Party's 4th Congress and a statement made by Park Jeong-guk, the leader of the Central Committee Foreign Division.

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The first item on the agenda of the March plenum of the Korean Workers' Party Central Committee was the discussion about the convocation of the next, 4th party congress. The presenter was Comrade Kim Il Sung, Chairman of the Central Committee. The Plenum marked the date of the 4th Party Congress in 1961 September 11.

Comrade Pak Jeong-guk, the leader of the Central Committee Foreign Division informed the ambassadors about the work of the plenum on March 17 (see my referenced report). He said the following concerning the 4th Party Congress:

Great changes have taken place in the party and the country since 1956 March, since the 3rd Congress of the Workers' Party. Men are no longer exploiting other men, the socialist production way has been victorious in all areas of the economy. The country has a significant socialist industry, and they have finished the socialist transformation of agriculture as well. They have successfully completed the first five-year plan before its deadline; other sister countries have provided great support for this as well. Fractions inside the party have been eliminated, unity has been solidified. The whole working nation is firmly gathering around the Central Committee led by Comrade Kim Il Sung; the party's "direction of the masses" and "people-centric workstyle" policies have triumphed. There seems to be advancements in the issue of unifying the country as well, the South Korean people have chased away Rhee Syngman, and demanding the reunification without any foreign influences more and more actively. The South Korean colonial rule of the American imperialism is facing a catastrophe.

The 4th Congress of the Workers' Party - said Comrade Pak - will be the "congress of victors" that summarizes the results achieved so far, and determines the next goals. Delegations of sister parties will also be invited to the congress. Regarding this, Comrade Pak noted that "the sister parties can encourage us in our work by sending delegations of good composition".

Comrade Pak did not talk about the agenda of the 4th Congress as the newspapers have not published that yet. (See my no. 472 open telegram.)

Please forward my report to the leader comrades.

Práth Károly  
Ambassador