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Pak Hun Yong, Ho Ka Ui Betrayed Party and Revolution: The sixth plenary session of the Central Committee of the Korean Labor Party, meeting from 5-9 August, has called for a further sharpening of vigilance following the revelation of treasonable activities of top party leaders, among them former Foreign Minister Pak Hun Yong and former Vice Premier Ho Ka Ui. The plenary meeting also demanded that Pak Hun Yong, who was only briefly mentioned in the 7 August charges against Lee Sung Yop and his fellow conspirators and who was not among those tried, be made to stand separate trial. Pak Chong Ae, reporting to the plenum on the anti-state crimes, recommended that "collective leadership, the supreme principle of party leadership," be included in a new program for the organizational and ideological strengthening of the Party. Similar references to "collective leadership" were underscored in Soviet comment following Beria's dismissal.

Pyongyang reacts promptly to Malenkov's 9 August pledge of one billion rubles for Korean reconstruction, and mass meetings to express gratitude are reported throughout the land. (Peking broadcasts, which review widespread Chinese economic assistance to Korea during the war and promise additional assistance for Korean rehabilitation, have thus far not contained any specific commitment paralleling the Soviet pledge.)

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