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Summary:

Jeong Jun-taek comments on r light industry, urban development, and the sale of grain in North Korea's economic plans following the completion of the First Five-Year Plan.

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A wreath-laying at the Monument to Soviet soldiers who liberated Korea from Japanese rule was held with officials of the Hungarian Embassy.

In the evening VNR Ambassador Karoly Prat held a reception on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the liberation of Hungary. The Ambassador and Choe Yong-geon [Choe Yong Gon] gave speeches.

A conversation was held during the reception with Jeong Jun-taek about the issue of the development of light industry in the second five-year plan and the system of procurement of agricultural products. Jeong Jun-taek did not give any figures, declaring that the second five-year plan had not yet been drawn up for light industry since there is a lack of the necessary data about the production of agricultural products and raw material for industry.

For my part, speaking about the procurement of agricultural products, I expressed doubt about the advisability of a state monopoly on the procurement and sale of grain in the country. Jeong Jun-taek agreed with the views [I] expressed and noted that this issue deserves serious attention.

The conversation with Jeong Jun-taek touched on the issue of urban construction and the beautification of the capital. Jeong Jun-taek noted the active participation of the population in beautification work.

I told the ambassadors about the results of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's trip to France.

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