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4. North Koreans allegedly will call Labor Party Congress:
At a central committee meeting of the North Korean Labor Party (Communist) on 3 October the decision was made [redacted] to call a party congress for December 1952 or January 1953. Allegedly the principal aim of the congress will be to reassert the supremacy of the Soviet-oriented Korean leaders and to purge the Chinese and nationalist elements from the party.

In line with this intent it was also revealed at the committee meeting that Ho Ka-i, reportedly in Moscow for the Communist Party Congress, would bring back 30 Soviet-trained Koreans to fill high posts in the government, Labor Party and the army. ([redacted] 18 Oct 52)

Comment: There is no other information available on the possible convocation of such a congress. While it is recognized that the war has placed many strains on the supremacy of the Soviet faction in the North Korean regime, there is no evidence of any serious schism or of any movement on the part of other factions to challenge this supremacy.

Ho Ka-i's presence in Moscow has not been confirmed.

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