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1. On 6 February at a central committee meeting of the North Korean Labor Party, HO Ka-i¹ listed the following three reasons for the North Korean decision to name the Soviet Union as a member of the neutral inspection team:
 - a. To emphasize to the people of North and South Korea that the Soviet Union has a moral responsibility for maintaining peace in Korea after an agreement is reached at Panmunjon.
 - b. To test the American reaction to the proposal and to provoke rash statements by Americans, which objective has almost been achieved.
 - c. To regain the initiative at the conference, to divert American concern to the proposal, and simultaneously to hit hard on other basic issues.²
2. The committee discussed KIM Il-song's 4th anniversary address of 8 February.
3. On 10 February CH'OE Yong-kon, North Korean Minister of National Defense and Chinese Communist General HAM were principal speakers at a closed dinner commemorating North Korean Army Day. CH'OE said: The Americans deliberately stalled recently on major points at Panmunjon; they continually violated agenda procedure, deliberately violated the international code of ethics, and apparently failed to realize the great strength of the liberated Asians. This means the Americans are determined to carry war to China proper. The Americans are also preparing to foment aggression through the forces of western europe, but the United East Europeans will act in the same way as the North Koreans and Chinese.

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Communists when attacked. Success of the coordinated effort of the Koreans and Chinese will encourage those Asians awaiting liberation.

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1. Comment. HO is deputy chairman of the committee and Vice Premier of North Korea.

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2. Comment. The North Koreans were pleasantly surprised at the United Nations agreement to a post-truce political conference after the United Nations had already presented a complete draft of peace terms. The North Koreans believe they won a major point at no sacrifice.

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3. Comment. Possibly HSIEN, 咸 .

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