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On December 18-23, 1953 a Special Session of the USSR Supreme Court was held, made up of the following:

Presiding - Marshal of the Soviet Union

I. S. Konev, Chairman of the Special Session; members of the Session: N. M. Shvernik, Chairman of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions; E. L. Zeidin, First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Supreme Court; General of the Army K. S. Moskalenko; N. A. Mikhailov, Secretary of the Moscow Oblast Committee of the CPSU; M. I. Kuchav, Chairman of the Council of Trade Unions of Georgia; L. A. Gromov, Chairman of the Moscow City Court; K. F. Lunev, First Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the USSR. The Session examined in camera, in the manner established by the Law of December 1, 1934, the indictment in the criminal case against L. P. Beria and others.

In accordance with the indictment, the following were tried: L. P. Beria, accused of crimes provided for by Articles 58-1b, 58-8, 58-13 and 58-11 of the RSFSR Criminal Code; V. N. Merkulov, V. G. Dekanozov, B. Z. Kobulov, S. A. Goglidze, P. Ya. Meshik and L. E. Vlodziimirsky, accused of crimes provided for by Articles 58-1b, 58-8 and 58-11 of the RSFSR Criminal Code.

The Special Session confirmed completely the materials of the preliminary enquiry and the accusations against all of the accused which were set forth in the indictment.

It was established by the Court that, betraying the Motherland and operating in the interests of foreign capital, the accused Beria forged a treacherous group of conspirators, hostile to the Soviet State, to which the accused V. N. Merkulov, V. G. Dekanozov, B. Z. Kobulov, S. A. Goglidze, P. Ya. Meshik and L. E. Vlodziimirsky, who were connected with Beria for many years by joint criminal activity, belonged. The conspirators set themselves the criminal goal of using the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs against the Communist Party and the Government of the USSR, of placing the Ministry of Internal Affairs over the Party and Government in order to seize power, liquidate the Soviet worker-peasant system, restore capitalism and the domination of the bourgeoisie.