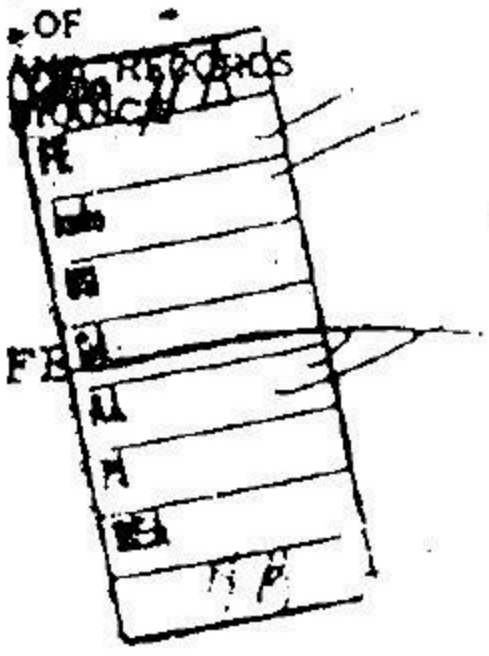
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The following statement by Lieutenant General John R. Hodge, COMGEN USAFIK, was released to press in Korea this date.

"As a true friend of the fine Korean people it grieves me to see them being confused and mislead by a new line Communist propaganda and lies while in the midst of forming their government This new line is one cleverly designed by some of the smartest of the Communist propaganda manufacturers, and is being cunningly spread by the Kremlin agents among you via rumor, whispering campaign, handbills and phoney newspaper reports. Of course, most of you know that now the South Koreans have held their free election in spite of the Kremlin directed Communist violence and propaganda, the subversive elements must find, a new line to attempt to discredit the non-Communist Koreans and the Americans who are trying to help Korea establish its independence, united and free from foreign domination They are now busily engaged in spreading lies to the effect that the United States is using Japanese in connection with its mission in Korea and the Far East.

The latest false statements in this new "party-line" are as follows:

One. 'That the United States is building Japan back as a military power.' This is a flat falsehood that gains credence among the uninitiated because United States authorities recently announced a humanitarian plan to get the Japanese to where they can feed and clothe themselves and cease to be a burden on the rest of the world's economy. This plan has nothing whatsoever to do with restoring Japanese military power, either physically or potentially. It is aimed only at contributing to the peace of the world and helping human beings to live.

Two. 'That the United States Command and Military Government in Korea are harboring and using former high Japanese governmental officials in Korea.' This makes a good story for those Koreans who fall easily for Communist propaganda but there is no word of truth in it or in its implications. There are no former high or low Japanese Government officials in Korea known to this command.

Three. 'That there are armed Japanese participating in the restoration of peace on Cheju Do.' It may be that the Communists who worked up the violent Cheju Do political distrubances imported some Japanese Communists to help in their schemes of murdering their own brothers and sisters. However, I can state categorically that there are no Japanese in the forces of law and order on Cheju Do or elsewhere in the United States zone of Korea.

I have warned the Korean people in the past and I warn them again that there will be a continuation and an increase in Soviet-Communist manufactured lies spread among Koreans in the all-out effort to discredit the non-Communist Korean elements who do not wish to sell their country into totalitarian slavery, and the Americans who are helping them. I urge that all of you be alert to detect, disregard and discredit these falsehoods and that you not become guilty of assisting those who wish to betray you by repeating Communist false rumors and propaganda, particularly during this critical period your country is going through during the formation of its government."

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