terpretation of this aspiration, we find tragedy destorying our racial ideal in many icoidents, especially in the riots of Cheju-do.

We can not tolerate the treacherous bloodshed by which same people are ruined and their patriotic conscience crushed.

On the other hand, how sacret it is for blood to flow for constructive national purposes.

Originally the inhabitants in Cheju-do experienced little class feeling among themselves because they enjoyed rich lives throught their diligent labors.

But historically they have always harboured antipathy against the royal court and the mainland's people. This was caused by exiles who were expelled during the Lee Dynasty in the past 500 years and by their descendants.

After the liberation of Korea, the inhabitants in Cheju-do could have gained their freedom, but their sentiments have gone from bad to worse because their latent antipathy has been exploited by native agitators and officers, while, on the other hand, they have been alienated by the different character, language and customs of officers dispatched from the mainland.

In such a situation, the extremists of the North and South Labor Parties, take advantage of their delicate feeling, and they lead the inhabitants to destruction.

Accordingly, being isolated geographically and having little knowledge of foreign and home affairs, the inhabitnats have swallowed the expreeists' false reports and propoganda and submitted to their intimidatory measures.

Rioters in Mt. Halla, agitated by Japanese commanders and extreeists have attacked police station with machine-guns, gre-

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For past ten days beginning with report from Pusan that certain Mitsuda, former Japanese Director Finance in Korea, had been seen there, practically every newspaper has carried articles about incident and number of Japanese involved has grown from one to seven, (*) of whom were formerly important Japanese officials in Korea. To this rumor has now been joined (*) United States is using Japanese to suppress disorders on Cheju Island. Accordingly, General Hodge today issued statement to counteract these false stories, text of which is being transmitted in next numbered telegram.

Investigation reveals that this story began as fabrication of Communist reporter in Pusan who disappeared when police started their investigation. In Seoul, hue and cry was taken up by Korean Reporters Association which is group of leftist or Communist reporters who on June 10 published in press an "open questionaire" to General Hodge on subject which led to aforementioned statement by the General.

This incident reveals very clearly two things: First, insidious sort of propaganda which Communists stooges in South Korea engage in, and second, susceptibility of Koreans to any return of Japanese to Korea, a fact apparently well known to Russians.

As such information may be of interest to Department, following are names of former Japanese officials who have been mentioned:

Mitsuda, former Director of Finance.

Shihobara, former Director of Education.

Oka, former Police Chief Kyunggi Do.

Sedo, former Governor Kyunggi Do.

Ariga, former President Chosen Industrial Bank.

Kimichima, former Vice President Chosen Bank.

Kobayashi, former President Kobayashi Mining Company.

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Note: (*) Omission - correction to be furnished by War Department