

local Communist agitators might well be able to find better organized South Korean Labor Party remnants in larger towns. There they might mix with the bigger population without being spotted as one would be in a village where everyone knows everyone else. Cities, generally, have groups of dissatisfied unhappy people. Korean farmers this year have memories of last year's good rice crop, promise of an even better one, land distribution for some, and to-be-hoped-for distribution for the remainder. The 70% of Korea which is rural is not now fertile soil for violence.

It is, of course, not possible in assessing the election to consider only election day and forget all that has gone before. I, personally, feel that past American actions have done much to bring about the dominance of the ~~XXXX~~-rightist political group on the Korean scene and to discourage not only Communist but also non-Rhee, non-Communist groups from participation in the election, as a force that will act as any sort of an opposition to Dr. Rhee.

That, however, does not alter these salient features of the election as we observed it. There was a "free atmosphere"; voters could ballot without fear of intimidation. There was a peaceful atmosphere without hurry or tension. There was a truly secret ballot, with each voter's choice beyond possibility of identification. There was, overall, a truly democratic procedure and organization, which Koreans will do well to remember and emulate in future years.

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• 1948년 5월 10일의 남한내 선거반대 활동표(1948. 5. 21)

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SUBJECT: Tabulation of Anti-Election Disturbances
South Korea on May 10, 1948

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

SER:

I have the honor to transmit to the Department a table of anti-election activities in South Korea on May 10, 1948. The report was presented to the Deputy Principal Secretary of the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea on May 17, 1948 by Brigadier General John Weckerling, liaison officer between the local command and UNTCOK. It is the final and complete report of disturbances on election day.

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosure: *✓*

1. Table of Anti-Election Activities

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CRIMINAL INFORMATION INTELLIGENCE SECTION

DETECTIVE BUREAU OF THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Table of Anti-Election Activities for
10 May 1948

Classification	M	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	R	Total
Election offices attacked	9	14	2	8		3		1	1	2		40
Public Institut. attacked												
Suppressed	2	1		1		6		1	1	4		16
Prevented			1			2			1			4
Police attacked				1								2
Casualties:												
Election Killed	1				1	2						4
officials) Wound.		2			1	1		1				5
Candidates Wound.							1					1
Police Killed	1			1		2		2	6			12
Wound.	2			2		1		1				6
Rightists Killed					1	2		1	1			5
Wound.		2	1			4		1				8
Police Killed							1					1
family) Wound.		1				2				3		6
Bystanders Killed	1	1	1			1		6	4			14
Wound.	1	1		1		8		1	2			14
Rioters Killed	3		2					2		2		9
Wound.		4				11			8			23
Arson:												
Election Offices	1			1		1	1			1		5
Elec. facilities					4				1			5
Police offices		1				4			2			7
Public offices		1	1	2		1		2	1			8
Peoples Residen.	4			3				1				8
Misc. destruction:												
Elect. facilities	1		2				1		2			6

Police offices	1			1			5	4				11
Public offices		1								3		4
Peoples Residen.	2						1	1				4
Road & bridges		2	1				5				1	9
Stolen arms:												
Rifles	Stolen			3			5	11				19
	Recap.			4		3		4	1			12
Carbines	Stolen		6	1		4		1	4			16
	Recap.			1		2			2			5
Pistols	Stolen					1			1			2
	Recap.					1			1			2
Ammunit.	Stolen		27	10		200		12		48		297
	Recap.			10		180		12		8		210
Railroads damaged:												
Locomotives						1					1	2
Railroad and freight cars											2	2
Tracks						1						1

Classification	M	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	R	Total
Communications damaged												
Telephone lines cut			1	3					5			9
Teleph. & Telegr. poles cut				6		6						12
Communication tools damaged								4				4
Power line cut			2								1	3
Election Documents stolen	4	1			4	2			1	2		14
Election officials threatened				2								2
Candidates threatened		1										1
Strikes against Election		1										1
School strike against Election				1								1
Demonstration against Election		1		1		1		4	1	3		11
Spreading of hand-bills			1			2						3
Signal fires							1					1

Each Provincial Police Division has a letter as follows:

M - Seoul	D - Chung Chong Pukto	H - Cholla Namdo
A - Kyonggi Do	E - Kyong Sang Pukto	J - Cheju Do
B - Kang Won Do	F - Cholla Pukto	R - Railroads
C - Chung Chong Namdo	G - Kyong Sang Namdo	

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