

OF STAFF, CINCPAC (CITE ZPOL 542) HODGE SENDS FOR JACOBS.

Quoted below is intercepted message dated April 27 (being released for dispatch tomorrow) sent by Rhee to his Washington office. This message as well as similar message quoted in Seoul POLAD 245, April 16, indicates Rhee's shallow thinking and distorted interpretation of facts as well as his stubbornness in maintaining fixed idea, as for instance his continual reference, in spite of denials, to appointment of United States high commissioner to South Korea. These telegrams are also sad commentary on type of man who is likely to be either president or premier of future government in South Korea with which United States and United Nations must deal.

"Patterson election. Opponent told Korea ladies election impossible because people want joint elections being discussed Pyongyang. UNTCOK holding meeting discussing whether or not election should be held. Public tremendously excited demanding Patterson's removal. No one excepting Communists supports joint discussions. South leaders joined Communists in condemning 'American imperialism and colonial design'. Two or three UNTCOK members demanded and AMG released 3,000 criminals condemned for murder, arson and destruction, thus reviving Red terrorism throughout south, threatening and killing election committee men and proposed nominees. Chedjudo civil war destroying many people and property and in Koisan district three candidates were murdered. Yet UNTCOK complains about lack of free atmosphere for leftists.

Rumors persist Jaisohn high commissioner. Governor and police chief Chedjudo are Ahn Chai Hong men. AMG would not replace them. Public tension growing. Japs trying to drive Koreans from Japan thus to deprive them of their property before setting up Korean government."

Other ideas reliably reported to be entertained by Rhee and his wife are: (1) Doctor Jaisohn will renounce his citizenship and be appointed chief of state by General Hodge, and (2) General Hodge does not know that he is to be relieved by General Wedemeyer.

JACOBS

• 사망자 350명의 개요(1948. 4. 27)

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Reference Paragraph 5, Seoul POLAD 270, April 26.

There is given below summarization of 350 persons killed since January 1 in South Korea. Figures for April are through April 26 without few possible delayed reports for week previous thereto. These figures indicate that deaths for April will be slightly higher than in February and March but not alarmingly so. Among deaths for April, however, there are at least 2 more election officials and two candidates which have caused alarm among election officials and caused National Election Committee to bring matter to attention Military Governor General Dean. Of the 120 deaths to date for April 49 (8 police, 15 rioters and 26 nonrioters - Rightists) have occurred on Cheju Island between April 2 and 26.

Following is breakdown of figures police killed: January none, February 33, March 20, April 15, total 68.

Rioters killed: January 1, February 74, March 73, April 47, total 195.

Nonrioters (Rightists) killed: January 1, February 14, March 14, April 58, total 87.

Monthly totals of all persons killed: January 2, February 121, March 107 and April 120.

Grand total of all killed 350.

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• 사망자 요약 / 분류(1948. 4. 28)

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