

It is at this point that political observations become pertinent. If Communist organization at Yosu is at all typical, and there is no reason to doubt that it is, similar uprisings, controlled and directed from Pyongyang, are possible anywhere at any time. The fact that the revolt will be a lost cause, as in Yosu, apparently detracts nothing from the preparation that goes into its execution. Failure is seemingly worth the tension, confusion, delay, and disheartening effects caused loyal adherents of the Korean Government. Then again, on some occasion, the result may be success rather than failure.

It may be that the views of the relative "pessimists" are too extreme and not warranted by events thus far revealed. It seems safe to say, however, that enough data have been uncovered by the recent revolt to provide thought for renewed consideration by policy-making bodies of the U.S. Government concerning the "plausible chance for survival" held by the Government of the Republic of Korea at some future time when American tactical troops are no longer in occupation.

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1. Translation as stated Yosu Peoples Press
2. Translation as stated Gen. SONG, Proclamation

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Following text statement issued today by Director:
Korean Department Public Information:

"Last Saturday two significant resolutions were passed, one by National Assembly asking American Army forces remain in Korea, other by great mass meeting which voted thanks for great accomplishments of American Army forces in Korea during last three years.

"It is first time for Korean people to manifest their appreciation for unselfish cooperation of Americans. Recent movements of American troops have definitely caused an uneasy feeling in minds of people, because their national security has not been brought up to reliable level as yet.

"With reference to question of martial law, so far we have not proclaimed real martial law in riot area due to fact that there were still civil courts existing. On account of language barrier, there has been some misinterpretation. Correct translation would be 'state of emergency,' which is still in effect in riot areas, such as Cheju Island and Sunchon."

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