

were under a three-hour attack beginning shortly after midnight Friday by a heavily-armed striking force of fifty men. The police drove out the attackers.

Later the police found one woman hanged, one woman slashed to death with a sword and a 10-year-old girl beaten to death in the recaptured part of the village.

The Communists are reported to have thrown up roadblocks on the roads leading from the interior of the island to the coast. A small detachment of United States Military Government troops on the island is not reported to have been involved in the fighting. However, captured Communist documents indicated that the Reds had ordered attacks on the Americans if they came to the assistance of the Korean Security Battalion that is reported to be screening coastal towns in an effort to segregate the Communists.

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After Visit in Soviet Zone,

Korean Rightist Denounces 'Corrupt' American Regime

Seoul, Korea, May 6 (U.P.).—Kimm Kiuse, Korean elder statesman, today denounced the "corrupt" American administration here and said he opposed the United Nations-sponsored elections scheduled for next Monday in South Korea.

Kimm, a moderate rightist considered to be Korea's most influential politician, praised the work of Soviet occupation forces in North Korea while comparing the Americans to the "dishonest Japanese" who ruled the island for 40 years.

Kimm's statement was especially embarrassing to U. S. occupation authorities, who hand-picked him to be president of South Korea's interim legislature. He resigned that post to attend a Russian-sponsored Korean unity conference in North Korea. Kimm returned to

Seoul yesterday.

He said he opposed Monday's elections because "they will tend to perpetuate partition." If they are held, he predicted, Korea eventually would become a Soviet federation.

Kimm said Korean factories in the north are in "much fuller production" than in the American zone. He hailed the Russians for "making themselves inconspicuous." In south Korea, he said, the Americans "meddle too much."

"Much corruption exists in the present (United States) military government," Kimm charged. "Koreans, in 40 years of Japanese occupation, learned to work with dishonest Japanese. Now these Koreans are using their experience to use Americans to help work their corruption."

"Several Americans have gone home rich."

The north Korean conference voted unanimously to demand that both Soviet and United States forces withdraw from Korea im-

mediately.

A fire which destroyed an empty Army barracks last night in the Seventh Division compound "possibly was started deliberately," Capt. Fred Openshaw, reported. He said the barracks "seemed to go up all at once," none was reported injured. If proved to be arson, it would be the most flagrant sabotage yet of American property in Korea.

Earlier today, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean reported after a tour of Cheju Island, 50 miles south of Korea, that agents of the north Korean Communist army have landed there to direct guerillas in a terrorism campaign against the elections. Sixty persons have been killed in bloody rioting on Cheju, in the United States zone, since April 2.

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39 Dead, 17 Hurt, 142 Held

Communist Terrorism Marks Election in Southern Korea

Seoul, Korea, (Monday) May 10 (U.P.)—Communists spread terrorism and sabotage across American-occupied southern Korea today as Koreans went to the polls.

Reports reaching Army headquarters here during the last 36 hours listed 39 dead, 17 wounded and 6 missing. Police arrested 142 rioters.

Sharp fighting was in progress on Cheju Island, 50 miles south of Korea. Communist bands, striking from the hills, terrorized half of the election officials there into quitting. Ballots could not be distributed in some areas and voting may be impossible.

Sabotage disrupted telephone and railroad service.

The avowed purpose of the violence was to break up the election. Some eight million persons in southern Korea were registered to vote. Unless frightened away from the polls, they will elect a 200-man assembly to write a constitution to create Korea's first representative government.

[The New York Herald-Tribune

said all the candidates are followers of a little group of men presently led by Dr. Syngman Rhee. Nearly all of this group have been educated in the United States or Europe and now control South Korea with American aid.]

The United Nations is sponsoring and observing the elections, which are limited to American-occupied southern Korea. Russia will not permit balloting in northern Korea, which is occupied by Soviet troops.

Communist propaganda broadcasts to southern Korea last night cried, "Smash the elections!"

[The Associated Press reported that the radio in north Korea told Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodge today, "You had better get out of Korea with your clothes packed." The broadcast advised the American commander to "give up your attempt to carry out a separate election."]

General Hodge ordered all American troops to be ready to assemble on 30 minutes notice if necessary. Seoul was placed under curfew.