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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.

• 남한의 선거 공산주의 테러리즘으로 얼룩(워싱턴포스트 1948. 5. 10)

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.

At every corner Korean police, American military police and specially deputized Korean civilians challenged anyone attempting to pass. The deputies carried clubs and axes.

Some incidents had a "wild west" touch. At Kyongju, near the southeast coast, armed leftists entered a railroad roundhouse, stole a locomotive, drove it out of town, then reversed the direction of the locomotive and leaped out. The engine plunged madly into the switchyard and smashed two other locomotives.

• 소련잠수함, 한국의 공산주의자들을 지원(뉴욕타임즈 1949. 1. 9)

Soviet Submarines Said To Help Reds in Korea

By The United Press

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Emergency Guard's tactics chief, Choi Chi Whan, said today that three Russian submarines had surfaced off South Korea four days ago and signalled Communist guerrillas to launch an attack on the provisional capital of Cheju.

Mr. Choi reported the Soviet submarines had surfaced off Cheju island on Jan. 4. They signalled to 200 Communists there, who immediately attacked the city, causing numerous deaths and extensive damage, he said. This is the first report of trouble on the island.

The Emergency Guard, which is part of the Home Ministry, received a message from the police headquarters in Cheju Thursday reporting fifty-six police and civilians were killed in the Communist assault. More than fifty buildings were said to have been burned, including the provisional capitol and police headquarters. There was no report of Communist casualties.

Mr. Choi said two submarines had appeared off the town of Samyang in the afternoon and one off Hanrinri at night. He said Cheju police reported that the Soviet flag had been clearly visible from shore.