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Seoul Opposes U. N. Bid to North Korea; Rhee Views Such Approach as an Affront

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34 Korean Guerrillas Killed

SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 18 (AP)—Police reported today thirty-four guerrillas were killed and two captured on Cheju Island off the southern coast of Korean on Wednesday. The report said 400 guerrillas attacked a small village. Police, the report said, repulsed them after a fight. Six villagers were reported killed and sixteen wounded. There were no police casualties.

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DRIVE UPON REBELS IS OPENED IN KOREA

Army Ordered to Take or Wipe Out Communist-Led Groups That Cause Starvation

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SEOUL, Korea, March 14—Korean Army forces have opened a spring offensive against Communist-led guerrilla bands that are terrorizing South Korea.

President Syngman Rhee issued orders yesterday to Army commanders to capture or wipe out insurgents who, under North Korean Communist orders, have been burning villages and confiscating food from rural settlements. At the same time President Rhee sent Premier Lee Bum Suk, who is also Defense Minister, and Sihn Sung Mo, Minister of Home Affairs, to ravaged Cheju Island, fifty miles off Korea's south coast to step up the offensive against several thousand rebels.

Government sources said today that insurgent activities had paralyzed the island and had forced most of its quarter of a million inhabitants from remote inland areas to the coastal towns. A Government spokesman said that the toll of islanders killed by Communists since last summer was 15,000. About 10,000 houses have been destroyed by fire, he said.

Father Austin Sweeney, a Catholic missionary of the Columbian order, reported by a letter that reached Seoul yesterday that a majority of Cheju's population was suffering from starvation. In some areas, Father Sweeney wrote, the people are living on a single sweet potato a day. A resident of the island for more than ten years, Father Sweeney, who is an Australian, reported that the farmers had abandoned the inland farms