

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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Headquarters, USAFIK
Seoul, Korea
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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000
Eastern ASIA, 1/1,000,000

300,000
30,000,000

1. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

None.

2. NON-OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

- a. Surrendered and Disarmed - 179,277.
- b. Evacuated to JAPAN for Demobilization - 179,277
- c. Held as Military War Criminals - None.
- d. Estimated Remaining Enemy Troops - None.
- e. Progress of Repatriation Reported -

	<u>This Period</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Japanese Civilians Arriving from N of 38° (N KOREA and MANCHURIA)	856	215,367
Japanese Civilians Evacuated to JAPAN	2,800	614,558
Other Nationals Evacuated -		
CHINESE	0	1,235
OKINAWANS	0	274
FORMOSANS	0	77
Koreans Arriving from -		
JAPAN	669	901,093
N of 38°	53	689,223
CHINA	0	57,350
PACIFIC Ocean Areas	0	12,677
FORMOSA	0	3,268
HAWAII	0	2,646
SINGAPORE	0	2,389
RYUKYUS	0	1,586
SIAM	0	1,382
PHILIPPINE Islands	0	1,291
North INDO CHINA	0	1,110
BORNEO	0	1,046
HONG KONG	0	218
AUSTRALIA	0	155
Aboard Uncontrolled Shipping from JAPAN	0	185,156

TOTAL Koreans Returned to the
US Zone of Occupation 722 1,860,590

3. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. Sabotage - None.
- b. Espionage - None.
- c. Terrorism - None.

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d. Secret Organizations - None reported.

e. Mail Interceptions

(1) Black Market Activities are indicated in an intercepted letter from an anonymous person in PUSAN, to the Chief of Police of the N PUSAN police station. The writer states: "Mr. HONG and Mr. LEE who both live at No 297 SOOCHAWNG, CHUNG, in PUSAN, have an illegal business of selling American clothing, sugar, and other foods." 6th Division is investigating.

(2) In a letter from "One Who Knows" to the Chief Procurator in MASAN, the writer accuses an interpreter in the employ of Military Government of selling USMG Property. The writer states: HONG, Sawng Ern, a MASAN USMG Interpreter, sold 500 bundles of bamboo poles, belonging to Military Government for 2,000 Yen in February 1946 and took another 500 bales for his own use. He also took 97 bags of cement for his own use. He sold for 10,000 yen, 20 cans of paint that were stored in a Japanese warehouse. 6th Division is investigating.

f. Telecommunications - No violations reported during the period.

4. CIVIL RELATIONS

a. Disturbances - The civil disturbance reported during the period is shown in Incl #1.

b. Political Parties and Other Organizations

(1) After receiving many reports of intended demonstrations against Military Government and Left Wing groups, by Rightist organizations, the celebration of National Humiliation Day, (29 Aug) was conducted with only minor incidents in SEOUL. Meetings were held in almost every community in South KOREA, and latest information indicates they were orderly and well conducted, and that no disturbances occurred that could be accredited to them.

The largest meeting held during the day, was the Rightist meeting held in the SEOUL Athletic Stadium from 1000 to 1400. This meeting was attended by approximately 10,000 people, who were predominantly members of the National Society for the Rapid Realization of Korean Independence.

The principle speaker at this meeting was Dr. RHEE, Sing Man. During the first part of his address he enumerated the various freedoms that had been suppressed by the Japanese during their occupation of KOREA. He stated that he had no personal ambitions and was interested only in the welfare of the Korean people and the country. He strongly urged unification of the people, and stated that KOREA could never attain independence while the various factions fought among themselves for control of the Government.

This meeting was controlled by members of the Korean Democratic Youth Union (Brown Shirts) whose main job seemed to be to keep the people in the center of the stadium, and to allow no one to leave until the meeting was over. Two minor incidents occurred during the meeting, one when a man attempted to leave. He was stopped by the Brown Shirts and a fist fight started which was quickly broken up. The other disturbance occurred when a man attempted to take over the microphone and read a declaration and a list of cabinet members for a Provisional Government. While this man was being removed by the police, another man in the crowd shouted, "Let us hear what he has to say". The crowd turned on this man and he was severely beaten before he could be rescued by the police.

1 - MASAN (1150-1350) (35°12'N-128°34'E)

Dr. RHEE had been negotiating for permission to hold a parade at the conclusion of the meeting, and it was announced at the beginning of the meeting this parade would be held. CIC agents covering the meeting checked to ascertain if this permission had been granted and, upon finding it had not, they warned of the consequences of an unauthorized parade. The parade was called off.

The Left Wing meeting in SEOUL was held at the Y.M.C.A. building, and was attended by about 300 people. This meeting was very orderly and the speakers were very careful to make little or no inflammatory remarks. This meeting broke up at 1200, with no incidents reported.

(2) Translations have been made of hand bills showing the list of names of the cabinet members of the proposed Provisional Government, and a declaration published by the National Assembly of the Great Korean Republic. See Incl #2.

c. Korean Press

(1) For the purpose of showing matters of current public interest in KOREA, translations have been made of the headlines of the leading articles in all major newspapers in SEOUL, and the text of articles that are considered to be of particular interest. See Incl #3.

(2) A digest of the 30 August edition of all the leading newspapers in SEOUL, has been prepared by the Public Relations Office, this Headquarters. The "Korean Press Summary" is attached hereto.

5. SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE IN ADJACENT AREAS

None.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

The following tabulations comprise the status of the cholera epidemic in S KOREA as maintained by the Surgeon of USAFIK. The new cases are those reported since the last report, 7 August 46. All cases are confirmed cases of cholera.

This report is as of 2400, 27 August 1946.

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>NEW CASES SINCE LAST REPORT</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL DEATHS SINCE LAST REPORT</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>
KYONGSANG NAMDO	554	231	1,585	723
KYONGSANG PUKTO	882	771	3,136	2,770
CHOLLA NAMDO	59	33	541	332
CHEJU Island	424	129	708	369
CHOLLA PUKTO	208	168	2,204	1,402
CHUNGCHONG NAMDO	134	72	1,000	576
CHUNGCHONG PUKTO	42	16	266	120
KYONGGI DO	499	351	1,264	739
KANGWON DO	196	113	291	162
TOTALS	2,978	1,884	10,995	7,193

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3 Incl:

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- 1 - Civil Disturbances
- 2 - Translations of Hand Bills
- 3 - Translations of Daily Newspapers

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