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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000
Eastern ASIA, 1/1,000,000

1. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

None.

2. NON-OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

None.

3. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Sabotage - None reported.

b. Espionage - None reported.

c. Terrorism

(1) Homes of Korean and American Officials Marked

A KWANGJU¹ CIC report states that on 25 February markings, allegedly made by Leftists to designate the homes of persons who are to be harmed in forthcoming troubles, have appeared on the walls of homes of both Korean and American officials in KWANGJU.

COMMENT: Reports of this type have been received from all parts of South KOREA. Both the Left and the Right have been marking homes with various symbols. Actual marking of homes apparently began about 24 February. The period of trouble mentioned above extends generally from 28 February to 10 March.

(2) Newspaper Threatened

CIC reports that on the evening of 22 February unknown persons entered the office of the CHONPUK SHINMUN, a Left Wing paper in CHONJU, and scrambled all of the type in the printing room. Officials of the paper have received threatening letters stating that they will lose their lives if they do not cease publication of the paper. (See par 3c, P/R # 456 for attack on this office by the Rightist Northwest Korean Youth Association).

1. KWANGJU (990-1350) (35°08'N-127°-54'E)
2. CHONJU (1010-1430) (35°48'N-127°-08'E)

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In this article the North KOREA Labor Party Central Committee states that the reactionaries in the Socialist Labor Party, who separated from the Communist Party, the Peoples Party, and the New Peoples Party, are traitors because they approve the merging of the Left and Right, and support the Legislative Assembly. In doing this the Socialist Labor Party is weakening the Left and breaking down the Peoples Movement. The leaders of this reactionary group are KANG, Jin, and PAK, Nam Un. The North KOREA Labor Party Central Committee informs the readers that the South Korean Communist Party, headed by PAK, Houn Yung, the General Secretary, is the best political way to rehabilitate KOREA and support the MOSCOW Decision.

(3) Railroad Strike Planned

A CIC report evaluated C-2 states that another railroad strike, centering in TAEJON¹, is expected, and that if the strike fails, a riot similar to the TAEGU riots may result.

COMMENT: A police report states that HUR, Song Tei and PAK, Sei Young, Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Left Wing Railroad Labor Union strike Committee, were arrested recently for having secret meetings. These meetings immediately followed the general meetings of the Left Wing Labor Unions on 16 to 18 February. (See par 4b (3). P/R #165). This labor group has been campaigning extensively during the last two months to regain the position that it lost after the riots last October. Many reports have been received of possible strikes and sabotage by this group, although the date this activity is to start is not known. At present this attempt to regain power is noted by clashes between the Left and Right in such areas as INCH'ON² and YONGDUNGP'Ō. The latter of which has been mentioned as a possible center for the new strike.

c. Press

(1) A special press release dated 28 February discusses former Japanese property in KOREA and the true meaning of Property Custody Order Number 8. (See Incl. # 1)

(2) For the purpose of showing matters of current public interest in KOREA, translations have been made of the leading headlines in all major newspapers in SEOUL, and the texts of articles that are considered to be of particular interest. (See Incl # 2)

5. SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE IN ADJACENT AREAS

a. Telecommunications

In the news broadcast on 27 February at FIONGYANG it was announced that 99.7% of the eligible voters cast their vote in the MYUN and RI election of Peoples Committee. This is an increase of 00.1% over the record established during the election of the Peoples Committees of the city and Gun on 03 November 1946.

1. TAEJON (1040-1490) (36°20'N-127°-26'E)
2. INCH'ŌN (960-1630) (37°-28'N-126°-38'E) ³

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COMMENT: According to the Peoples Committee, only approximately 10,000 persons out of 3,859,280 failed to vote. This is remarkable a record to be attained in a country with a high percentage of illiteracy and many opposing parties.

b. Mail Interception

(1) PYONGYANG Resident reports Fear of Soviet Soldiers

LIM, Yong Sook, PYONGYANG, North KOFEA, in a letter to LIM, Yong Hi, PUSAN, South KOREA states as follows:

"After dinner, we must lock the gate and keep indoors, as we are afraid that the Soviet soldiers will break into the house and make trouble. If I refuse to open the door, they would break the window glass. It is hard to count how many times we have had to run away through the back door after midnight." (SEO/3436, no date)

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Border Incident

CIC stationed in the ONGJIN peninsula reports that a US Army 1st Lieut. and Sergeant of Military Government were captured by North Korean Constabulary at (name garbled) (826.3-1698.3). The capture took place at approximately 1400 on 28 February. A search party started out at 281930 February but had not returned by 010230 March.

b. Attacks on American Troops

At approximately 1700 on 28 February, investigators from the office of the Provost Marshall were shot at by persons unknown while investigating a possible robbery of the dependent housing area in KIMPO. No casualties.

c. Rice Collection Program

The status of the rice collection program in South KOREA for the week ending 22 February was announced as follows:

PROVINCE	% OF QUOTA	
	15 February	22 February
CHUNGCHONG-PUKTO	(89)	89
CHUNGCHONG-NAMDO	(88)	90
CHOLLA-PUKTO	(54)	58
CHOLLA-NAMDO	(81)	83
KYONGSANG-PUKTO	(64)	66
KYONGSANG-NAMDO	(93)	93
KYONGGI-DO	(87)	94
KANGWON-DO	(175)	175
CHEJU-DO	(22)	44
Percent of quota collected	(78)	81

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COMMENT: The overall increase for the week of 15 to 22 February is 3% compared to only 1% increase during the previous week.

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- 2 Inclosures:
1 - Special Press Release
2 - Translations of SEOUL Newspapers

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