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Testimony of: Governor RYU, Hai Chin

Taken at : Cheju-Do, Korea

Date : 18 February 1948 and  
19 February 1948

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The witness was sworn and read Ordinance 19, Sections 4 and 6.

1. Q. What is your political party?  
A. Democratic Independent Party.
2. Q. What is the political situation on Cheju?  
A. When I came to Cheju about 1 March 1947 the large majority of people were Leftist. The first stage was to get the general public to leave from extreme left. On this first stage I succeeded by borrowing the Extreme Rightist Power by organizing, propoganda speeches, etc. The present stage is to get the general public into middle line. This is the second stage. The general people will be controlled by Economic conditions.
3. Q. What is the third stage?  
A. I have only planned the second stage.
4. Q. Why did you use Extreme Rightist Power in the first stage?  
A. There was no middle line.
5. Q. Did you use any rough means to get the people to the middle line?  
A. No, they will come over naturally, because of average economic conditions.
6. Q. Are economic conditions better than last spring?  
A. The conditions are about the same with some improvement.
7. Q. When we held a previous conference you stated that you formerly controlled public meetings but they were placed under police authority. What is the situation now?  
A. There are no meetings by Extreme Leftists. The police control meetings.
8. Q. Why are there no meetings by Extreme Leftists?  
A. I do not know, I do not control meetings.
9. Q. Are police Extreme Rightists?  
A. I think not.
10. Q. Do you still believe you should control all meetings?  
A. Yes, I hope to recover the authority to control public meetings.
11. Q. What is the relationship between you and the police?  
A. The relationship is peaceful. The Chief is a friend of mine. KIM Yong Bai.
12. Q. You stated in a previous conference that you were driving the Leftist down - does that condition still exist?  
A. Yes, I think so.

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13. Q. On 15 August 1947, you reviewed the Police but failed to review the Constabulary. What was the reason?  
A. I went to drink some water.
14. Q. It is reported that there is more trouble on Cheju caused by Extreme Rightist and it is growing - how do you explain?  
A. I do not think Extreme Rightist make any trouble.
15. Q. Who makes the trouble?  
A. Extreme Leftist, even when their power is weakened.
16. Q. Who leads the Leftists (Extreme)?  
A. An, Se Hun.
17. Q. What is his party?  
A. Nam Ro Tong, South Korea Labor Party organized by Communists.
18. Q. Do you think there is more trouble now than a year ago, say June or July?  
A. A little increased on account of UN.
19. Q. What have you done to stop these troubles?  
A. I organized a "leading group" of myself and the Chiefs of Sections and Bureaus and we are going around and make speeches to explain the purpose of government.
20. Q. What is your schedule?  
A. We begin our meetings on 24 February 1948.
21. Q. It is reported that leftists have grown from 50-50 to 2/3 of the population. It is said that leftists on Cheju are increasing - is that true?  
A. No, it is not true. I would say left are 10%. That is extreme leftists.
22. Q. It has been stated that the police are responsible for leftist sympathy. Is that true?  
A. I do not think so.
23. Q. Many of the high police positions are held by mainland police and they do not use discretion in dealing with political cases. Is that true?  
A. Yes, I think so.
24. Q. Many police are hostile to American orders and American personnel. They have beaten CIC employees, American houseboys, Military Government interpreters. Why is that?  
A. I do not think that their actions was against American personnel, but the Korean and Americans made some trouble. I only heard of a case where both Americans and Koreans were drunk. The police do not intend to make trouble.
25. Q. Do Extreme Rightists beat up Leftists to get him to resign his job?  
A. Not true.

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26. Q. What do you think of Pak, Kyung Hun, the former Governor?  
A. I think he has no definite thought or ideas. Sometimes he looks like a Right, sometimes as a Left, sometimes Middle.
27. Q. Is the ration the same all over Cheju?  
A. The same all over.
28. Q. Should farmers have better treatment than city people?  
A. Yes, I think so.
29. Q. Are ration cards still held in Mung Changs Office?  
A. Yes.
30. Q. Is grain purchased by P.F.S. still piled out of doors and not in warehouses?  
A. Not enough warehouses. I planned to build a bigger warehouse by using 1000 pyung of land, property of Provincial Government, to be rented to P.F.S.
31. Q. You stated in a previous conference that your ration problems would not exist if the summer grain program had been carried out, is that true?  
A. No, the grain had to go back to the farmers and I saved expenses in transportation.
32. Q. What is the present ration?  
A. Two hop, one rice and one other grain.
33. Q. Does everybody get that?  
A. No, only for city people.
34. Q. Are city people getting it now?  
A. Yes.
35. Q. Many provincial warehouses need repair. What is being done?  
A. It is the concern of P.F.S. and they have fixed some parts.
36. Q. Have you asked for protection for rice received from Cholla Namdo?  
A. We are making grass mats, a Cheju product. It is a good grain cover.
37. Q. How much rice have you received?  
A. I don't know.
38. Q. Is it polished or unpolished?  
A. Polished rice.
39. Q. Did Cheju reach the rice quota?  
A. Rice was 200 suk short of quota. Other grain was 800 suk over the quota. 115% collection was made on the total collection.

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40. Q. Do you and your Bureau and Section Chiefs understand the duties and responsibilities of American advisers?  
A. Yes.
41. Q. Do you and the Bureau and Section Chiefs understand that Americans must concur and agree on all decisions?  
A. Yes, I understand.
42. Q. If you or a Provincial Chief would make an incorrect serious decision or show dishonesty what would happen to the Korean?  
A. He would be discharged.
43. Q. The American Adviser of a Bureau that failed?  
A. He is only an adviser and would not be held in full responsibility.
44. Q. Do you know that Americans are to be kept informed on all matters in the Provincial Government - good or bad?  
A. I hold a meeting with the Chiefs of Bureaus every month. I will explain that they must keep American Advisers informed in each bureau.
45. Q. Are American Advisers consulted on budget matters, when a budget is planned?  
A. I told the Vice-Governor Kim, Doo Hyun, to consult with American Advisers in regard to the budget.
46. Q. Do you and your Chiefs report on expenditures of Bureau funds?  
A. They are supposed to. I told them to make monthly reports.  
NOTE: Only one report was received for the month of July 1947, and that report was from the Bureau of Education.
47. Q. On 16 October 1947, the National Property Custodian wrote an order that the appointments for Korean Selection Committee should be made by the Governor (Korean) and returned to Captain Kelly, Provincial Property Custodian, who would forward them to the National Office. The Bureau Chief called for them three times and never received them. The Governor forwarded the completed forms directly and the American Adviser was not informed. Why?  
A. A report was submitted to Provincial Property Custody on 7 January 1948, showing names of members. We do not know who forwarded the report to Seoul.
48. Q. On 15 September 1947, Oh Hyon Boys Middle School was torn down. It was vested or Japanese property. The Governor said he would investigate and report to Captain Kelly. It has now been six months and no report. Why?  
A. I don't remember.
49. Q. Who is responsible for vested property?  
A. Captain Kelly.
50. Q. Who controls vested property?  
A. Captain Kelly.

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51. Q. Do you try to cooperate with Americans, keep them informed and consult with them?

A. Yes, I try to.

52. Q. Do you have anything to add?

A. There are no railroads on Cheju, only truck transportation. The road around the island should be repaired by the National Government. It would cost too much for the Provincial Government. I want a special allotment of tires for trucks. The present allocation is only 1% of the tires for the American zone. Most important thing on Cheju Island is the operation of official business. Therefore, a Livestock and Fishery College should be established by the National Government. Many grain allocations come from other provinces. We must raise all the crops possible. I request 10,000,000 for cultivation of lands last year, but received only 1,000,000. With proper cultivation we can be self supporting. The farmers have used fertilizer. We need water improvements for general use and irrigation. Agriculture Experimental Station, Forestry and Livestock Schools should be established. I have made a 10 year Forestry Plan and we can be self supporting for lumber. I have planned a Provincial Library and have planned to open March 1st 1948.

/s/ Ryu Hai Chin