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1. ARMED FORCES

a. At 141457 April, while flying along the parallel, a US C-45 type aircraft was intercepted by an unidentified single engine fighter aircraft in the vicinity of UPO-RI (940-1690). The unidentified aircraft made three passes at the US plane and then proceeded to engage in dog-fighting tactics with a similar type plane farther north. (Kimpco Flash rpt. A-1)

b. Soviet Soldiers Violate Parallel

(1) A South Korean civilian reported that, at 122230 April, seven SOVIET soldiers violated the parallel at approximately (1024.2-1696.5) and came to his home fifty (50) yards south of the 38th parallel. (7th Div. Flash rpt. F-3)

(2) At 132300 seven SOVIET soldiers allegedly abducted a Korean south of the parallel and took him to the SOVIET OP in the vicinity of (1023.0-1698.0). Here he was questioned concerning the number of troops at US OP #18 and the number of South Korean police at YANG MUN NI (1023.5-1696.3). The Korean was released early on 14 April. (7th Division Flash rpt. F-3)

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

a. Tabulation Of The Results Of Registration

The following is a tabulation of the final results of registration in all the provinces in South KOREA. Election officials stated, however, that minor changes in some totals might be expected.

Province	Eligible No.	Registered No.	Percentage
SEOUL	617,769	568,291	92%
KYUNGGI DO	1,178,458	1,131,319	95.9
CHUNGCHONG PUKTO	468,317	461,084	98
CHUNGCHONG NAMDO	876,416	791,663	90.3
CHOLLA PUKTO	915,444	791,499	86.4
CHOLLA NAMDO	1,381,153	1,229,200	88.9
KYONGSANG PUKTO	1,335,120	1,210,264	90.6
KYONGSANG NAMDO	1,379,109	1,314,440	95.3
KANGWON DO	491,589	474,723	96.5
CHEJU DO	127,751	82,812	64.9
Total	8,771,126	8,055,295	91.7%

b. New Political Parties Organized - Old Parties Extend Activities

(1) The first meeting of a new political organization the DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENT YOUNG MENS UNITY ASSOCIATION, was

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hold on 06 April in TAEGU, KYONGSANG PUKTO. (CIC P/R #89. B-2).

(2) On 10 April about 30 members of the ALL KOREA STUDENTS LEAGUE went from CHUNCHON (1060-1680) to HONGCHON (1080-1650) KANGWON DO, to organize a new branch of their party in that city and propagandize in favor of the election. (CIC P/R #89. C-3)

(3) On 11 April the NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION PARTY was organized in KWANGJU (990-1350), CHOLLA-NAMDO. Its organizer and present leader is a former governor of CHOLLA-NAMDO. (CIC P/R #89. B-2)

3. CIVIL UNREST

a. Registration Records Captured In KYONGSANG-NAMDO

The chairman of number 13 registration district in PUSAN was held up by two armed men in his home on 13 April. The raiders stole copies of the registration list for that district and all official documents and instruction pertaining to the registration and election. (6th Div. Flash rpt. B-2)

b. Registration Officials Threatened In KYONGSANG-PUKTO

Several registration officials in KYONGSANG-PUKTO received letters threatening them if they continued their registration work. A letter received by a TAEGU official was signed by LEE Choon Sik, a well-known TAEGU communist, and stated that the official was preventing the unification of KOREA and that he would be killed within three days after 07 April. (CIC P/R #89. B-2)

c. Riots Planned In KYONGSANG-NAMDO (Delayed report)

A secret meeting was held by five local leaders of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY in HAMYANG (1070-1392) on 23 March. Plans were made in this meeting to begin a period of arson, demonstrations, and propaganda to last from 13 April to 16 April. Volunteer troops and "Forlorn Hope" units of 15 men each were to be organized and await orders to carry out any assigned mission. (CIC P/R #89. Police rpt)

d. Police Kill Former Riot Leader

A local communist leader was shot and killed when the police attempted to capture him at his mountain hideout near POSONG (1000-1305) on 10 April. This communist is allegedly to have been responsible for disturbances in YURE MYUN (1020-1370) in 1946 and 01 March 1948. (CIC P/R #89. Police rpt)

e. Handbills Confiscated In KYONGSANG PUKTO (Delayed report)

In a raid by the TAEGU police on a secret meeting of five SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY members on 05 April, 2,000 anti-UN handbills were confiscated. The men confessed that they planned to distribute the handbills at the rumored UN Commission meeting in TAEGU. (CIC P/R #89. Police rpt)

f. Communist Handbills Distributed In KANGWON-DO (Delayed Report)

More than 1,000 handbills, following the usual communist party lines, were distributed in CHUNCHON (1060-1680) at about 072130 April. (CIC P/R #89. B-2)

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g. Youth Group Beaten Members of Its Competing Party

At 111600 April about 20 members of the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH, returning by truck to TCNGNAE (1200-1350) from PUSAN (1200-1340), were insulted by 200 members of the UNITED YOUNG MENS PARTY. The UYMP members apologized when the truck stopped. The chairman and chief of organization section of the KNY got off their truck, as they were at their destination, and were promptly beaten by the UNITED YOUNG MENS PARTY members. When news of this incident reached the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH headquarters, about 150 members assembled to avenge their leaders but were dissuaded and further trouble was averted. (CIC P/R #89. B-3)

h. School Strike Planned

It is reported that all middle schools and colleges will go on strike on 16 April. (CIC Flash report. Police report)

COMMENT: A previous report (See par 3f, P/R #807) stated that widespread school strikes instigated by the DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' FRONT would begin after the results of the North-South Conferences were announced. Since the conference has not yet been held and considering its source, little value is attached to this latest report.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

a. CHOLLA NAMDO Citizens Consider Land Reform To Be "Bone Of Contention" Of North-South Conference

It is the opinion of a number of educated people in the KWANGJU area that the point of greatest disagreement at the North-South political leaders conference will be the land reform laws which will be proposed by the northern leaders. It is believed a compromise will have to be reached on this subject before the meeting can be successful. (CIC P/R #89. F-3)

b. Translations of SEOUL Newspapers. (See Incl. #1)

5. SABOTAGE & ESPIONAGE

a. Telephone Lines Cut In KYONGSANG PUKTO (Delayed Report)

On the night of 06 April telephone wires were cut and removed for a distance of 10 telephone poles between SINDONG (1148-1450) and WAEGWAM (1137-1455). (CIC P/R #89. Police rpt)

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. COMMANDING GENERAL'S STATEMENTS

On 13 April the Commanding General issued a special press release congratulating the Korean people on their participation in the registration and urged the eligible voters to carry out their prerogative as citizens and vote despite communist attempts to coerce and confuse them. (See Incl. #2)

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- 1-Translation of SEOUL Newspapers
- 2-Statement of Commanding General

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