

In nearly every case, the papers carry the text of the comment and in many cases carry opinions relative to it. Such an editorial appeared this week as a result of the statement made by an Associate Press current affairs critic, who surmised that CHEJU-DO would become the Gibraltar of the Western Pacific Ocean. The paper, the CHA YOO SHIN MUN (Korean Free Press - Left) states, "He reported... his viewpoints of the strategic importance of CHEJU-DO, despite the fact that this island belongs to the Koreans. This report has jarred our nerves." The editorial goes on to give the background of Gibraltar and to point out that CHEJU-DO does not have any of the advantages that make Gibraltar so attractive. The editorial closes with the statement that the Koreans, being a peace loving people, will be more interested in building up a tourist trade than in establishing long range bombing bases against ASIA.

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6. COMMENTS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION

a. Summary - An historic event occurred in South KOREA on 12 December 46 when the Interim Legislative Assembly formally convened. The period itself was concerned almost completely with the Assembly and its impact on Korean political life. The formation of a new party as well as the growth of another embryonic political group is noted.

b. Interim Legislative Assembly Established

(3) Opposition from Left - Whereas the extreme-Right (HANKOOK Democratic Party) boycotted the Legislative Assembly to express dissatisfaction with the official selection of representatives, the extreme Left opposed the Assembly on their customary principle of non-cooperation with the American Military Government. Terrific pressure was brought to bear on the Leftist selects to the Assembly, and with some success.

The Socialist Labor Party threatened to expell their appointees from the Party if they dared to join the Assembly. YAM, Chang Kwan declined to serve while HONG, Chin Nam, SIN, Ki Awn, and KIM, Hak Pai joined the Assembly and, as a consequence, were reportedly dismissed from the Party. The DOK LIP SIN BO (Independence News - L!) reported on 12 December 46 that the Revolutionary Party expelled YOON, Ki Sup from its fold. (See T/S 65, page 7 for list of appointed representatives). LYUH, Moon Hyung and his close associate CHANG, Kun Sang were reported by newspapers to have refused their appointments to the Assembly. HONG, Miong Hui declined also.

The two elected representatives from CHEJU Province, MOON, Do Bai and KIM, Si Taik, provided a touch of humor. In order to be in SEOUL in time to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Assembly, they were flown in; but, upon arriving at KIMPO airdrome, they disappeared. When seen next on 14 December 46 the two Leftists were being interviewed by newsmen in the office of the Democratic People's Front where they issued a joint statement opposing the Assembly and explaining their sudden change of heart.

• 한국 독립경찰 개혁(1947. 1. 19)