

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

First Section

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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000
Eastern ASIA, 1/1,000,0001. ARMED FORCESa. South Korean Police Exchange Fire With North Korean Constabulary

At about 1030 hours on 24 April five North Korean constabularymen escorted seven North Korean farmers south of the 38th parallel in the vicinity of SANGSUNEE RI (1100-1690), apparently for the purpose of working in a field allegedly belonging to the North Korean farmers. When they attempted to investigate, four South Korean police were fired on by the North Korean constabularymen. The fire fight lasted about 20 minutes and the farmers and North Korean constabularymen withdrew north of the parallel. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Negative

3. CIVIL UNRESTa. Correction Of P/R #818

The election candidate reported killed in paragraph 3b(1) was a candidate in KOESAN GUN (1078-1558) CHUNGCHONG PUKTO, not KYONGSANG PUKTO as previously reported.

b. Another Candidate Killed In CHUNGCHONG PUKTO (Delayed Report)

SUH Byung Doo, vice-chairman of the CHUNGCHONG PUKTO branch of the UNITED YOUNG MEN'S PARTY and a registered candidate for the election was killed on 09 May. Members of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY are suspected of the assassination. (CIC S/I, 26 April, B-3)

c. Riots Continue In KYONGSANG PUKTO

(1) At 240310 April 30 rioters in PONGWHA GUN (1180-1570) turned in a fire alarm. When the town head went to investigate he was beaten to death by the mob. His oldest son and the principal of the local primary school were also severely beaten and not expected to live. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

(2) At 240140 April a mob of ten persons armed with a shotgun and spears attacked three members of the Communal Protective Unit (NU HANG BO JONG) in KYONGJU GUN (1218-1436) wounding all three members seriously. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

(3) At 240030 April 20 rioters, using gasoline, destroyed the home of a prominent rightist in KAP SAN DONG, KYONGJU GUN (1218-1436). (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

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(4) At 202300 April in KYONGJU (1218-1436) two mobs consisting of between 20 and 30 persons each armed with shot-guns, swords and bamboo spears engaged in a series of attacks in which four persons were seriously injured. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

(5) At 220130 April the chairman of the election committee in YONGCHON GUN (1190-1460) was abducted from his home by seven rioters. He was found at 220700 April stabbed to death about one kilometer from his home. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

(6) At 201930 April about 30 rioters attempted to attack the principal's home of the POHAND (1230-1460) Girl's high school. A policeman fired into the mob, killing one and dispersing the rest. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

c. Court Stenographers and Clerks Strike in Protest

The clerks and stenographers of the TAEGU (1150-1430) District Court went on strike on 22 April in protest against the manhandling of a court clerk by a police detective. Although the detective was discharged from the force the court workers feel that he deserved a stronger punishment. (CIC P/R #100. B-2)

d. Police Box Attacked In KYONGGI DO

At 272245 April the police box at UCHON BONG, about 300 yards south of OP #10 (935.3-1696.5), was attacked by three unknown individuals, wounding one policeman. (7th Div. Flash rpt. B-2)

e. Flares Observed In SEOUL

At 272045 April a yellow flare was observed, apparently fired from due south of the 707th Ordnance Company compound. At 2048 and 2050 hours the same organization observed white flares fired approximately one mile east of their compound. (7th Div. Flash rpt. B-2) At 2255 hours a white light, believed to be signal communication blinker, was observed on the west side of Nam San Mountain. The blinker continued for 10 minutes. (7th Div. Flash rpt. B-3)

f. Police Box Attacked In CHUNGCHONG PUKTO (Delayed rpt)

On 17 April a mob of 12 armed with stones and knives attacked the police box at SINIM (1100-1600). Police fire drove the attackers away after two policemen had been injured. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

g. Communist Attack Rightists In KYONGSANG NAMDO

A mob of 20 attacked the UNITED YOUNG MEN'S PARTY office in SANYANG RI (1161-1323) on 21 April. One UYMP member was killed and three was seriously wounded. (CIC P/R #100. Police rpt)

h. More Communist Riot Orders Issued

It is reported that the following instructions have been issued to all branches of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY:

(1) Riot with the intent to kill candidates for the election.

(2) Mission must be completed by 10 May. (CIC S/I, 26 April. Police rpt)

1. Another Communist Plan to Disrupt Election

The latest version of communist plans to disrupt the election is to send letters threatening assassination of both candidates and their relatives. These letters will be sent to the candidates' relatives and it is the communists opinion that the relatives will be able to persuade the candidates to withdraw from the election. (CIC S/I, 24 April. F-6)

COMMENT: It appears that this intimidation of candidates falls into the category of passive methods of discouraging the election, such as voting for the People's Committee, casting blank ballots and writing in a name on the ballot of an individual who is not a candidate. (See P/R #818). However if the threat does not sufficiently discourage the candidate, the actual assassinations can be and have been accomplished by the communists.

j. Communist Rioters To Integrate With Crowd To Avoid Arrest

Recent reports of communist plans for instigating riots and disturbances include instructions that the communist cell members are to integrate themselves with the crowd so that they will not be arrested. (CIC S/I, 26 April. C-3)

COMMENT: Previous instructions to communist rioters have included the plan that cells should divide into two groups, one group which would agitate the riot while the other group mingled with the crowd that always forms and encourage them to participate. (See P/R #815)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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

5. SABOTAGE & ESPIONAGE

a. Possible Sabotage Attempt

The guards of 2nd battalion, 31st infantry ammunition dump, upon being alerted by a watchdog, fired upon two fleeing men, believed to be Koreans, who had apparently attempted to break into a demolition tent. A check of the ammunition revealed that nothing had been taken. (CIC P/R #100. B-2)

b. Korean Saboteur Apprehended

At 281000 April a Korean was arrested in the U.S. Engineer area in YONGDUNG PO (990-1639) while pouring gasoline on a lumber pile, with evident intention of sabotage. (B-2)

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

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1-Translation of SEOUL Newspapers

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