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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000
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1. ARMED FORCES

Negative

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIESa. "Struggling Committee" Organized by Anti-Election Parties

On 09 May a meeting was held to organize a provincial branch of the "Struggling Committee for the Unification of North and South KOREA". In attendance at the meeting were 24 representatives of seven political parties: KOREAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY, THREE PRINCIPLE (THREE EQUALITIES) YOUTH ALLIANCE, DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENCE PARTY, KOREAN YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION for NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION, INDEPENDENT LABORERS AND FARMERS PARTY, LABORING PEOPLES PARTY and the MASSES PARTY.

An address was made commending the North-South political leaders' conference as the first successful attempt to establish a unified KOREA, condemning a separate government and calling for unceasing opposition to any action which will prevent unification. (CIC S/I, 17 May. B-2)

COMMENT: Of the parties represented at this meeting the KOREAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY, DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENCE PARTY, THREE PRINCIPLE YOUTH ALLIANCE, LABORING PEOPLE'S PARTY and the KOREAN YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION for NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION were all signatories of the North-South Conference declaration of 23 April which was addressed to the governments of the United States and the U.S.S.R. calling for simultaneous withdrawal of all occupation troops and presenting an unqualified opposition to the 10 May elections.

b. Communists Infiltrate Into KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS

Approximately 40 members of a branch of the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS in SEOUL are also reportedly members of the communist KOREAN DEMOCRATIC PATRIOTIC YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION and are preventing members of other political parties from joining the KNYC. (CIC S/I, 14 May. C-3)

c. KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH Distribute Handbills On CHEJU-DO

Handbills found on CHEJU-DO and signed by the Student Section of the CHEJU-DO branch of the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS, denounced "American Imperialism" and stated that the true purpose of the KNYC, "a forerunning dog for American imperialism", is now known. The writers of the handbills stated that the NATIONAL YOUTH Student Section is consequently disbanded and ask forgiveness for their past errors. (CIC S/I 14 May. Translation)

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COMMENT: The above two reports indicate that in spite of all efforts and claims, communists have infiltrated into the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS, a SKIG sponsored youth organization theoretically non-partisan.

3. CIVIL UNREST

a. Violence in KYONGSANG-PUKTO

(1) A mob of 100 rioters attacked a police box in KYONG SAN (1172-1433) at 150230 May. Police dispersed the mob. Police reinforcements were dispatched from the main station, but the mob had sabotaged the road. (Police Report)

(2) A mob of 40 attacked the village of YONG DUK (1232-1506) at 122300 May but the villagers repelled the attack. Three villagers were wounded, one rioter was wounded and two rioters were arrested. (Police Report)

(3) At 122010 May a bomb was thrown into the house of an election committee chairman in TAEGU. (Police Report)

b. Rightist's Home Attacked in KYONGSANG-NAMDO

One hand grenade and two gasoline bombs were thrown at the home of the Chief of the DAI DONG YOUNG MEN'S PARTY in CHINJU Gun (1107-1356) by three unknown youths, believed to be students. Two broken windows was the only damage. (Police Report)

c. Police Box Burned in CHOLLA-NAMDO

At 160200 May a police box in NAJU Gun (970-1340) was burned. Two policemen, two youths and one policeman's wife were killed. (CIC P/R #117. A-1)

d. Bombing of Rightists' Homes Continues in SEOUL

(1) At 162140 May a bomb exploded at the home of a member of the GENERAL ALLIANCE of KOREAN YOUNG MEN, damaging the roof of the house. (7th Div Flash Rpt. Police Report)

(2) At 162225 May a bomb exploded beside the home of the chief of the Training Section of the Peace Preservation Guard. The section chief also received a threatening letter. (7th Div Flash Rpt. Police Report)

(3) At 161100 May a bomb exploded behind the MAL LI DONG office. (Police Report)

e. Rioting Continues on CHEJU-DO

(1) At 161500 May a mob of 80 raiders attacked the village of SUSAN-RI (945-1148). 20 policeman who were dispatched to the village, broke up the riot and killed one of the raiders. (MG Report B-2)

(2) On 16 May Constabulary operations in the village of O-DUNGNU (954-1146) and OSA-RI (951-1149) resulted in one raider being killed and 169 prisoners taken. (MG Report. B-2)

f. Korean Beats Chinese

On 12 May a member of the UNITED YOUNG MEN'S PARTY in CHONGJU (1040-1530) attacked a Chinese National with a club and shouted, "We can beat all the Chinese now." (CIC P/R #117. B-2)

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Practically 100% of the students on anti-election strike have returned to school in TAEGU. The Technical Middle school in KYONGJU (1210-1430), the only school outside of TAEGU to report a strike, now reports that most of the students have returned to their studies. Because of their communist anti-election agitation 14 primary school teachers in TAEGU have been discharged. (CIC P/R #117. A-1)

h. Communists Organize Taxi Drivers

Communists are organizing cells among taxi drivers, who are to serve as informants during normal activities and in the event of riots are to report to a pre-determined rendezvous and be available to furnish transportation for communist mobs. (CIC S/I, 14 May. F-6)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

Translation of SEOUL Newspapers. (See Incl. #1)

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. OTHERa. South Korean Coast Guard Activity

During the period 051800 May to 121800 May the Korean Coast Guard investigated 501 vessels in Korean waters. Two vessels were detained for illegal operation and sent to port under guard. (G-3, P/R #25. B-2)

b. Refugees From North KOREA

During the period 071800 to 141800 May 1739 Koreans crossed the 38th parallel from North KOREA and entered camps at KAESONG (950-1690), UIJONGBU (1000-1660), CHUMUNJIN (1170-1680), and CHUNCHON (1060-1690). (G-3 P/R #25. B-2)

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1. Incl.

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