

## G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000  
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1. ARMED FORCESa. Korean Kidnapped by North Korean Constabularymen

Fifteen North Korean Constabularymen violated the parallel in the vicinity of UNDOG RI (840-1697) on 02 June and abducted a South Korean woman who resided in NAEPU-DONG (100 yards south of the parallel). (CIC P/R #137. B-3)

b. Farmer Attacked Near Parallel

On 02 June 20 North Korean Constabularymen crossed the parallel in the vicinity of PM #5 (828-1698) and stole an ox from a farmer. Ten South Korean police pursued the NKC and after a 20 minute firefight succeeded in recapturing the ox. (CIC P/R #137. B-3)

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Negative

3. CIVIL UNRESTa. People's Committee Organizes on CHEJU-DO

Skeleton groups of the communist PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE are reported to be attempting to assume political control of isolated communities on CHEJU-DO through close coordination of guerrilla raiders and affiliated groups.

These affiliated groups are: (1) the CHOW I DE, a group organized along military lines to recruit personnel, gain information and provide supplies for the guerillas; (2) the SEEPO, a political action group of SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY members which specializes in checking on local rightist activities; and (3) the YO SON TONG MYON, the women's auxiliary which assists in providing food for the guerrillas. (Interrogation Report)

COMMENT: This PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE faction is a South Korean counterpart to the existing PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE government in North KOREA. It is similar to the group which took advantage of the interim period in 1945, between the time of the Japanese surrender and the American occupation, to establish a PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE government.

b. Terrorism in CHUNGCHONG-PUKTO

(1) At 092000 June ten rioters attacked a home in IMSIL Gun (1033-1408), beat the occupant and destroyed furniture. (Police Report)

(2) On 09 June eight rioters beat a farmer in NAMWUN Gun (1038-1392), pillaged his household goods and burned the house. (Police Report)

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*Confidential*c. Communists Rounded Up in KANGWON-DO (Delayed Report)

Three police patrols were dispatched from KANGNUNG (1175-1665) on 31 May to capture communists hiding in the DAI KON SAN (1167-1662) area. The police were fired on and returned the fire. One communist was killed and two were arrested. (CIC P/R #137. B-3)

d. Police Ambushed in KANGWON-DO (Delayed Report)

On 31 May a seven man police patrol was ambushed by approximately 30 rioters in the vicinity of SACHON (1170-1680). One policeman was wounded by shrapnel from a homemade hand grenade. All of the terrorists escaped. (CIC P/R #137. B-3)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. OTHERa. Cost of Living Increases

The price of polished rice on 11 June reached a new high since the beginning of the occupation - 930 won per small mal in SEOUL. (Small Mal - 16.67 lbs.)

COMMENT: This increase, from an average price of 740 won for the month of May, is attributed mainly to the lack of rain which has prompted farmers to withhold their rice from the market in anticipation of a poor summer rice crop and the consequent better future price. Part of the increase may result from a shortage of power necessary for the processing of the raw rice.

b. UN Commission Available For Consultation

At its sixtieth meeting held on 10 June 1948, the United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea adopted the following resolution concerning consultation with the representatives elected on 10 May 1948:

"The UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA HAVING OBSERVED the election held on 10 May 1948, and having returned to Seoul on 7 June 1948 to resume its sessions, RESOLVES:

THAT notice be sent to the elected representatives stating that the Commission is now ready for such consultation as they may request concerning the further implementation of the Commission's terms of reference as defined in the Resolutions of the General Assembly adopted on 14 November 1947."

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