

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. ARMED FORCES

Negative

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

a. Press Report of Draft Constitution

According to the Korean Press of 23 June, the Constitution Committee of the National Assembly has dropped the proposal for a responsible cabinet with executive power centering in a Prime Minister and has substituted a draft providing for concentration of executive power in the president with the cabinet responsible to him. (Korean Press)

COMMENT: When the draft Constitution was presented to the Assembly on 23 June considerable debate ensued. The debate, however, was stopped by adjournment until 26 June.

b. Moderates Infiltrate Into Rightist Party

It is reported that members of the KOREAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY have infiltrated into the CHINJU (1100-1350) branch of the UNITED YOUNG MEN'S PARTY and now control that branch of the organization. The infiltrators plan to support KIM Koo and KIM Kyu Sik's policies. (CIC P/R #148. F-6)

COMMENT: Despite the evaluation of this report, the development is not unexpected in that this is not the first instance of clandestine opposition to the RHEE-HANKOOK line (generally supported by the UYMP) on the part of KIM Koo and his followers.

3. CIVIL UNREST

a. Communist Potential Assassins Arrested in PUSAN (Delayed Report)

On 15 June the police arrested one LEE Myung Oo who confessed being a responsible member of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY in the PUSAN Third Area and a member of the SKLP fighting group. LEE also revealed he had given a weapon to another communist with instructions for killing rightists, police, members of the National Assembly and staff members of the GREAT KOREAN LABOR ALLIANCE. The police arrested the potential assassin and confiscated the weapon and documentary instructions. (CIC P/R #148. C-3)

b. Communist Terrorism in CHOLLA-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

On 16 June 4 rioters beat the village leader and two rightists in CHINDO-UP (926-1270). (CIC P/R #148. C-3)

c. Rightists Terrorize Communists in CHOLLA-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

On 15 June a mob attacked the home of a member of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY in NAJU Gun (972-1376), threatened the SKLP member and set fire to his house. (CIC P/R #148. C-3)

d. Terrorism in KYONGSANG-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

(1) On 18 June unknown persons threw a hand grenade at the home of

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the Prosecutor for the PUSAN district. The Prosecutor was not injured. (CIC P/R #148. C-3)

(2) On 15 June the chief of the TONG Myun fire department, YANG SAN Gun (1202-1376) was killed by 3 terrorists. (Police Report)

e. Communist Killed In KYONGSANG-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

On 17 June a participant in the 02 June raid on the KIM HAM Myun office was killed in HADONG Gun (1075-1341) when he attempted to resist arrest. (CIC P/R #148. C-3)

f. Rioter Arrested In CHOLLA-PUKTO

On 20 June the police arrested 2 communist members of a fighting group who attempted to attack a local police box in WAMJU (1015-1430). (Police Report)

g. Raiders Captured On CHEJU-DO

(1) On 22 June 9 raiders were captured in a cave in the village of PUKCHON NI (969-1155). Two of the prisoners confessed killing 2 policemen on 16 June. The police also confiscated several home-made hand grenades. (MG Report. B-2)

(2) The Constabulary, during the 24-hour period ending 221800 June, captured 48 raiders, including one AMOL constabularyman, in the vicinity of SONG DANG NI (978-1148). One carbine was recovered. During the same period 29 raiders were captured in SAMYANG-NI (959-1153). (MG Report. B-2)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. OTHER

On 22 June the Military Governor issued Executive Order Number 23 establishing an Election Review Board effective 25 June. The Review Board will be composed of the following members:

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| KIM, Young Moo | Chairman - Chief Justice of the Supreme Court |
| KIM, Chan Yong | Justice of the Supreme Court - appointed by the Military Governor |
| YANG, Dai-Kyung | Justice of the Supreme Court - appointed by the Military Governor |
| CHANG, Myun | Member - designated by the National Assembly |
| SUH, Soon Yung | Member - designated by the National Assembly |

The purpose of the Election Review Board is to present an opportunity for any defeated candidate to request a review of the validity of the election in the electoral district in which he sought election. This review must be requested by a written application not later than 9 July and must include the following information:

- Name of the electoral district concerned
- The defeated candidates name and address and the name of the elected candidate
- A brief summary of alleged violations of the election law and/or the

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election regulations. In addition the application may include the name and address of witnesses and other pertinent evidence. (MG Proclamation)

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