

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. ARMED FORCESPolice Raid Precipitates Border Clash

Six South Korean police from the KYOJUNG (827-1697) police box raided the village of WOLCHON NI (820-1699) on 01 July in an effort to apprehend communist elements in that village. After the police entered the village their route of exit was cut off by approximately 30 North Korean Constabularymen and a fire fight developed which lasted until 022000 July. Police reinforcements were dispatched from the ONGJIN headquarters at 021900 July and five of the six policemen under attack were rescued. Two of the police were wounded and the leader of the raiding party was reportedly captured and taken to North KOREA. (CIC Flash Report. B-2)

During the night of 02 July all inhabitants of WOLCHON NI fled to North KOREA. On 03 July the villagers returned and harvested grain which they carried back to North KOREA. The village is now reportedly completely evacuated. (CIC Flash Rpt. F-6)

COMMENT: CIC reports indicate that the inhabitants of WOLCHON NI are predominantly, if not entirely, communists.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIESa. J. ISOHN Renounces All Presidential Aspirations

In a statement issued 05 July Dr. Philip J. ISOHN denied that he had any intentions of accepting, even if offered, the Presidency of KOREA.

"I have received numerous communications from different parts of KOREA asking me to run for President of KOREA and offering their support in case I run. While I deeply appreciate their kind thoughts, I have to inform them that I never was a candidate for the office, I am not now and will not be in the future. Even if the position is offered I will not accept it. I am a citizen of the United States and intend to remain so."

b. National Assembly Adopts General Provisions of Draft Constitution

The National Assembly had adopted the first 41 Articles of the Draft Constitution by adjournment time 05 July. Although these Articles include only fundamental concepts of democracy; such as equal rights of all citizens before the law, religious freedom, freedom of speech, press and assembly and equal opportunity for education considerable debate, often heated, developed and many amendments were proposed before the Articles were finally adopted. In most cases however, despite the differences of opinions expressed, the Articles were adopted by a substantial majority.

Almost a day and a half was spent by the National Assembly in heated debates over Article 17 of the Draft Constitution which guarantees the right and duty to work and general protection to female and child labor. A number of amendments were offered, the principal one stating in substance that all laborers would have a voice in the management and share in the distribution of profits of private enterprises. On the morning of 05 July there appeared to be a majority, which included support from the Sam Il Club, the Non-Partisan Club, many Christians and several Independents, in favor of this amendment. At 051030 July Dr. RHEE took the rostrum and made a plea for harmony and speed, pointing out that the essential problem now was to adopt the constitution and establish a government. Through RHEE's leadership

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chairman who recently resigned from the UYMP and assumed chairmanship of the N.Y.M. The animosity between the two groups has resulted in several beatings, the latest occurring on 27 June at K.LNGNYONG (850-1680) when 2 loyal members of the UYMP severely beat their former chairman. (CIC P/R #156. B-2)

c. Terrorism By Unidentified Groups

Police Attacked In CHOLLA-NAMDO (Delayed Reports)

(a) On 24 June a mob of 20 men attacked and severely beat a detective in TESAN RI (1044-1360). All members of the mob escaped. (CIC P/R #156. C-3)

(b) On 26 June a mob in SONGKAN (1031-1333) attacked and killed a former police sergeant and wounded his mother. (CIC P/R #156. C-3)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Espionage Agent Apprehended In KYONGGI-DO

A member of the DEMOCRATIC YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, an espionage agent allegedly making his third trip to North KOREA, was arrested in KAESONG (950-1690) on 30 June. (CIC P/R #156. C-3)

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. COMMANDING GENERAL'S STATEMENT

"To United States Citizens in KOREA, this 172d anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence should be highly significant. That Declaration was made by rugged champions of freedom. Those determined individuals proved both before and after the signing of the historic document that they were willing to make any sacrifice to establish and maintain that freedom and the integrity of the nation they formed. They and their progeny, together with a multitude of other pioneers who joined them from other lands in search of the freedoms and individual opportunities for a full life, established and developed the great United States Nation, of which we are so proud to be citizens.

We Americans, regardless of our racial or national origin, hold the heritage of direct descent from those rugged souls who formed and developed our great nation. As American citizens we carry great responsibility in this country where we are trying to help a fine people reestablish their independence in true democratic freedom under a fully representative government. We have accomplished much to this end, through cooperative team-work and conscientious service. We have much left to do, including the most delicate and intricate part of our task soon to come, that of turning over to a new Korean Government and helping the Koreans to make their independence effective.

On this anniversary of our own Independence Day, we should refresh our understanding that there can be no let-down in our highly important work of helping a friendly nation to obtain its independence in freedom and democracy in accord with the wishes of its people."

8. OTHER

a. North Korean Refugees

During the period 251800 June to 021800 July 1,759 Koreans crossed the parallel from North KOREA and entered camps at KAESONG (950-1690),

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UIJONGBU (1000-1680), CHUMUNJIN (1060-1680). The June total was 18,275.
(G-3 O/R #34. B-2)

b. Korean Coast Guard Activities

During the period 241800 June to 301800 June the South Korean Coast Guard investigated 118 vessels in Korean waters. Twenty-four of the vessels were detained and sent to port under guard. (G-3 O/R #34. B-2)

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