

## G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. ARMED FORCESa. North Korean Constabulary Attack South Korean Police

At 162000 August an estimated 20 North Korean Constabularymen came south of the 38th parallel and attacked the YANGKANG NI (1071.0-1695.9) police box. South Korean police reinforcements were sent from CHUNCHON. The firefight lasted approximately one hour but no casualties were reported. (7th Division Flash Report. C-3)

b. Soviet Ship Fires On South Korean Coast Guard Vessel

At 170400 August the South Korean Coast Guard vessel "KWANGJU", on patrol off the CHEJU-DO coast, sighted a 500 ton Soviet ship. The Soviet ship was ordered to stop but this order was ignored and the Soviet ship opened fire from deck-mounted machine guns on the Korean Coast Guard ship. No damage or casualties were reported. (CIC Flash Report. F-6)

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIESCommunist Instructions In Preparation For 25 August Election

The SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY has issued orders instructing all South Korean cell leaders to arrive in North KOREA on or before 25 August. The cell leaders are to bring with them a list of all cell members. (CIC S/I, 09 August. F-3)

Another report states that the SKLP is attempting to get all Communists, moderate leftists, former SKLP members and even persons who are anti-SKLP to go to North KOREA to participate in the 25 August election. Those who go to North KOREA will be utilized by the North Koreans in the election, taken into the party and kept in North KOREA after the election but will be allowed no freedom.

After the election the SKLP and the NORTH KOREA LABOR PARTY will no longer use their old party names but will operate under a new name which will be chosen for both parties. At such time the newly named party will be under the leadership of the present NKLP staff and the SKLP will become one branch of the party. (CIC S/I, 7 August. C-6)

3. CIVIL UNRESTa. Communist Terrorism(1) Public Official Beaten In SEOUL

During the afternoon of 16 August Dr. OH, Assistant Director of the National Land Administration, was severely beaten by unknown assailants at his home in SEOUL. (7th Div Flash Report. A-1)

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(2) Hand Grenade Exploded Near SEOUL Police Box

At 162200 August a home made hand grenade, composed of an iron jacket filled with rocks, metal pieces, paper and black powder, was placed at the rear of a police box in SEOUL. The hand grenade exploded but caused no damage. (CIC Flash Report. A-1)

(3) Student Arrested For Handbill Distribution In SEOUL

On 15 August a student of the SEOUL University middle school was apprehended after he had completed the distribution of 500 DEMOCRATIC STUDENT'S LEAGUE handbills urging support of the 25 August election and the Democratic People's Republic. The student claimed to have been given 200 won for distributing the handbills. (CIC P/R #192. A-1)

(4) Guerrillas Concentrate On CHEJU-DO

It is reported that the CHEJU-DO guerrilla forces are concentrating in TAI JUNG Myun, in the southwest portion of the island, because of stronger popular support, less police interference and a more efficient SKLP organization in that area. (CIC P/R #192. C-3)

(5) Handbills Distributed On CHEJU-DO

On 12 August handbills following the usual Communist party line were distributed on CHEJU-DO by the "Separate Government Destructive Strife Committee." (CIC P/R #192. F-3)

(6) North Koreans Arrive on CHEJU-DO

Rumors are being circulated on CHEJU-DO that a new communist group calling itself the "Reinforcement of the North Korean People's Army and Election Urging Committee" arrived on CHEJU-DO from North KOREA on 07 August. This organization has allegedly been divided into 3 groups of 15 men each and one such group dispatched to CHO CHUN Myun, HALLIM Myun and TAI JUNG Myun. (CIC P/R #192. F-6)

(7) Communist Constabularymen Imprisoned

During the period 20 July - 01 August 16 members of the South Korean Constabulary were arrested and imprisoned for organizing a plot to assassinate present political leaders, disrupt communications and destroy equipment and sanitary facilities in South KOREA. The instigator of the plot is allegedly an agent of the North Korean People's Army. (CIC P/R #192. C-2)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

7. OTHER

North Korean Refugees

During the period 061800 August to 131800 August, 3,272 Koreans crossed the 38th parallel from North KOREA and entered camps at KALSONG (950-1690), UIJONGBU (1000-1680), CHUMUNJIN (1060-1680) and CHUNGJON (1170-1680). (G-3 O/R #41. B-2)

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1. Incl.  
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