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1. ARMED FORCES

Special Parallel Guard to be Formed

President RHEE has allegedly issued instructions for the organization of a Special Guard Division whose mission will be to guard the 38th parallel. This unit will be composed of members of the KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION and the KOREAN NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS.

LEE Suk Won, chairman of the KVA, is expected to head the organization and has reportedly already made preparations to obtain weapons and vehicles and made a reconnaissance of the area to be occupied by the unit. It is possible that the organization will be under the jurisdiction of or cooperate with the police, as LEE has consulted with the police and the reconnaissance of the area was made possible by the police. (CIC S/I, 27 September. C-3)

Another report states that 16 members of the KVA arrived in CHUNGHON (1068-1680) from SEOUL on 29 September to participate in the protection of the parallel. (CIC P/R #228. C-6)

COMMENT: It has been previously reported that the KVA plans to disband in early October and that its members will be integrated into the Korean Army at that time.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Amnesty Bill Made Effective

The Amnesty Bill, recently passed by the National Assembly, was implemented on 27 September by a Presidential Order which listed more than 200 offenses for which amnesty would be granted.

The release of prisoners effected by this act was reportedly completed on 28 September. An initial incomplete estimate placed the number of prisoners released at from 3,000 to 4,000 (MG Report. B-2)

COMMENT: The Amnesty Law and the release of prisoners does not imply that an injustice was done in the original prosecution, but conforms to the custom, still existing in the Orient, of releasing prisoners at times of important National events.

3. CIVIL UNREST

a. Communist Terrorism

On 30 September a policeman was shot and killed by unidentified persons in INCHON (960-1630). The murder is believed to have been accomplished by members of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY Special Action Squad in INCHON in retaliation for the policeman's investigation of the murder of a policeman in May and the resulting arrest of a member of the Special Action Squad for the murder. (CIC P/R #228. B-2)

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b. Rightist Terrorism

Negative

c. Terrorism by Unidentified Groups

Negative

d. General

Communist Propaganda Distributed in South KOREA (Delayed Reports)

(1) On 25 September 50 copies of the North Korean "Labor Press" were distributed in CHAENG-NI (1060-1580) (CIC P/R #228. C-6)

(2) On 21 September approximately 50 handbills containing the usual communist propaganda were scattered along a road near SAMPO (1191-1391) (CIC P/R #228. C-3)

Youth Organization Headquarters Raided on CHEJU-DO

On 22 September, the police raided the headquarters of the NORTH-WEST YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION on CHEJU-DO, arrested the acting chairman of the organization and confiscated a carbine and a Japanese rifle. (A-1) The weapons were allegedly obtained by the NWYMA members when raiders attacked the HALLIM (924-1138) police station in April and the police fled leaving their weapons. (C-2) (CIC P/R #228)

COMMENT: The assistance furnished the police and constabulary by the NWYMA on CHEJU-DO has been commended by several American officers.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL.

Translation of SEOUL Newspapers (See Incl. #1)

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Possible Agent Arrested in KANGWON-DO

On 27 September a refugee from WONSAN (1040-1830) was arrested in NAEPYONG-NI (1080-1680) with 3 North Korean Constabulary maps of the area north and south of the 38th parallel in his possession. (CIC P/R #228. B-2)

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

Negative

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Translation of SEOUL Newspapers

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