

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000  
Eastern ASIA, 1/1,000,000

*Historical*

1. ARMED FORCES

Negative

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Negative

3. CIVIL UNREST

a. Developments in CHOLLA-NAMDO from 230800 October to 250800 October

A battalion from the 5th Regiment landed at YOSU (1070-1300) at 230940 October. After meeting stiff resistance and machine gun fire from the mutineers located on commanding ground, the invading force withdrew to the LST. By 231500 October the invaders were afloat in YOSU Bay. (A-2) Col. PAK Sung Hun, Commanding Officer of the 14th Regiment, escaped from YOSU (1070-1300) the evening of 23 October. He estimated the strength of the mutineers in YOSU to be 200 and the civilian sympathizers 100. He also estimated that there were 100 civilian casualties in YOSU. An air observer over YOSU the morning of 24 October estimated that there were 50 bodies dressed in fatigue clothes lying in a field. YOSU (1070-1300) was still under control of the mutineers at 250600 October.

During 23 October an air observer reported the mutineers were falling back from SUNCHON (1040-1320) to POLGYO-RI (1030-1310) and POSONG (1000-1300), with the mutineer force building up in POSONG. (A-2) On 24 October a battalion from the 4th Regiment occupied POSONG, and by 242000 POLGYO-RI (1030-1310) was reported occupied by a battalion of the 6th Regiment which had advanced southwest from SUNCHON. (Reported by FMAG)

The situation at KWANGYANG (1058-1329) during the period covered by this report was, and still is, obscure. The adviser in SUNCHON (1040-1320) reported on the afternoon of 23 October that friendly forces had occupied the town of KWANGYANG and captured 75 prisoners. However, later reports indicated that KWANGYANG was still held by the mutineers. Late on the afternoon of 24 October a report from the FMAG Advisor in the area stated that friendly forces were attacking KWANGYANG (1058-1329) and that the mutinous forces were withdrawing to the mountains in the vicinity of MT PAEGUN (1060-1340).

A report was received at 250610 October that a fight was in progress late in the afternoon of 24 October between the police and mutineers near the SOHJIN River, at (1062-1355). (Police Report)

See attached sketch for the situation at 250800 October.

COMMENT: The mutineers reported to be withdrawing toward MT. PAEGUN and the ones engaged by the police are probably heading for the

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CHIRI-SUN (1070-1370) area, a notorious guerrilla base northeast of SUNCHUN (1040-1300). They have weapons and ammunition in their possession and will constitute a major threat until cleared out.

b. Raider Terrorism and Attacks on CHEJU-DO

(1) At 230445 October raiders fired approximately 100 rounds at CHEJU CITY (962-1153) and the police box located on the East side of the town. No damages resulted. (CIC Flash Report. A-2)

(2) At 230730 October a constabulary jeep, containing the executive officer and 4 enlisted men of the 9th Regiment, Korean Constabulary, was ambushed by raiders on road west of CHOCHUN-LI (965-1155). The executive officer and 2 enlisted men were wounded. (CIC Flash Report. A-2)

(3) Air reconnaissance reported approximately 50 signal fires observed on North side of CHEJU-DO at 231800 October. (Radio Intercept)

(4) At 232000 October, the constabulary fired 40 rounds of 81mm mortar into a wooded area Southeast of CHEJU CITY (962-1153). (A-1) During the mortar firing, raiders fired approximately 30 rounds into the constabulary compound in CHEJU CITY. (CIC Flash Report. A-2)

(5) At 240700 October air reconnaissance reported many scattered mass meetings being held in villages. North Korean flags were displayed. (Radio Intercept)

c. Communists Attempt to Recruit Constabularymen

On 18 October a member of the CHONJU (1010-1430) SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY was arrested by officials of the 3rd Regiment Korean Constabulary, and admitted making frequent visits to the regimental area for the purpose of recruiting members of the constabulary for the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY. Fifteen members of the 3rd Regiment were implicated and arrested. (CIC P/R #245. B-3)

d. Communist Instructions Revealed

On 18 October the North Korea Peoples Republic allegedly sent instructions to the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY ordering strikes in all South Korea schools. The SKLP cells are to make unreasonable demands upon school authorities, thereby causing continual strife and unrest which will agitate the people into a state of anxiety and violence. In order to help the SKLP accomplish this mission, the North Korea People's Republic promised to send guerrilla bands. (CIC P/R #248. B-2)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

Translation of SEUL Newspapers. (See Incl. #2)

5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

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#1 - Situation Sketch  
#2 - Translation of SEUL Newspapers

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