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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES OF FMAG

CO, XXIV CORPS

CHIEF, FMAG

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1. Purge in KC

a. Eight senior Officers have been confined since 26 October. (Includes 2 Officers on DND Staff, CO of Engr Bn, CO of 14th Regt, C/S 4th Brig and Exec Off of Ord Group).

b. Seven senior Officers now being investigated. (Includes CO of Ord Group, another CO 14th Regt, CO 4th Brig, CO 7th Regt, CO 13th Regt and CO Engr Group).

c. All regiments are purging their ranks by all means possible. 2254 (85 Officers, 1008 EN, 1160 Civilians) captured, seized, confined since 20 October. Process continuing. Korean CIC organization making itself felt. Cooperation with Police better and relations closer daily. Info exchanged. Both Police and Constabulary careful of rights of each. Police do not arrest Constabulary members but give info to Constabulary.

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2. Status of Recruiting

Between 6000 and 7000 recruits necessary to fill ranks from all causes and to create new 16th Regiment. No recruiting figures yet. 15th Regt being organized at Naman with 1 Bn 15th Regt as Cadre; 2 Bns 15th Regt moving to Yosu will organize one new Bn. Regtl Comdr 16th Regt has been appointed.

3. Status of Reserve Formation

All staffs and commanders briefed. Forms (different color) printed and in process of distribution. Korean Reserve Staff with Advisor at Hq DND operating. Actual enrollment starting on or about 23 November. 12 Regts to be formed initially. Other reserve organizations will then follow.

4. Status of Turn-over of Installation Guarding to Police

Both Defense and Home Ministers were, this date, informed that, as time was pressing, this turn-over had to take place rapidly without more talk. A list of installations with numbers of guards needed was furnished.

5. Status of Forming the New 6th Brigade

The plan submitted to Defense Minister by advisory group has been

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finally approved this date, and necessary instructions are going out this date.

6. All projects in DND are controlled by the Defense Minister. If he wants something started or stopped, it is quickly done, through Korean channels. If advisory group finds out, it is because the Koreans wish it to be found out. Sometimes the advisory group is in the dark for some time, in spite of attempts. All Officers in the Korean Army Staff are cleared of the Defense Minister and will not act until the "go ahead" signal is obtained from him. The Defense Minister has been informed that he is a bottleneck in many questions, and that he has not the time to go into detail, but to leave that work to his staffs. He usually sits on most questions for a week or 10 days and then accepts what we wanted in the first place. His KG staff is excellent and is usually ready to go the way the Advisors suggest.

7. Trials

a. 100 accused of participation in recent uprising have been tried at Taegon. Death sentences, subject to review; Life, 15; Sentences 5 years, 5. Several hundred cases being prepared for trial.

b. At Kwangju, 28 death sentences have been awarded.

8. Invasion

0900 - No information received from 8th Regt which is scouring area along parallel for reported invasion group from North.

1100 - Lt Col Haberer, Advisor 4th Brig, informs us that contact was gained with 60 guerrillas of NK People's Army at Mt Nopong. Troops of 10th Regt assisting in attack. 1 Bn 10th Regt ordered to operate from Mangnung.

At 1130, 2 Co's from 7th Regt were ordered to move from Chongju to destroy these guerrillas. This is in addition to units from 10th Regt now in contact.

9. Cheju Do: Report dated 12 November indicates as follows:

Considerable village burning; Village Wolpyong burned; 1st Bn CP attacked by 150. No casualties. 4 enemy dead; 2nd Bn, on info from loyal villagers, struck Rebel hideout - killed 18, captured 1. Later killed 4 others; "F" Co, 2nd Bn, captured raider storehouse near Hallim - 25 raiders killed, 2 captured; 3rd Bn assisting burned out villagers in another area with food and clothing; cooperation with Police excellent; Natives now giving info to constituted authorities; Central Intelligence Agency excellent; Plan to send 2 Co's to Cheju Do abandoned by Koreans. New plan to recruit up to full strength all 3 Bns, mainly from NW Youth.

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10. CO, 2nd Brig

This Officer, who proved himself to be not so good in Yosu operations, has just moved Hq and 1 Bn of 12th Regt from Camp Sykes to Kunsan without authority. He has ordered another Bn to Kurye without orders. He relieved Regtl CO and appointed another without authority. The above points related to Defense Minister and his Chiefs of Staff. They are acting and will probably relieve the Officer.

11. Graft

G-4 Advisor and others indicate that evidence of sale of clothing and equipment intended for issue to troops, is increasing. Such reports are discouraging since simple checks and inspections by Regtl Officers responsible are sufficient to prevent same in our own Army. Actual facts and data being assembled by American Officers for use by Korean inspectors. An IG group is now operating at 5th Brig Hq at Kwangju. Report will be made to USAFIA on facts obtained.

12. Col Witte, Advisor Medical Section, represents PMAF on 7th Div School Board.

13. G-1 Advisor reports Yosu casualties as follows: 5 Off, 80 EM killed; 9 Off, 88 EM wounded. Does not include any from 14th Regt.

14. 2nd SIS (Korean CIC) class starting 15 November.

15. 12th Regt at Onyang inspected by Corps team during week.

16. 35 Officers, just graduated OTS, starting 4 weeks' Signal course.

17. Fence around PMAF area 40% complete 13 November.

18. Monthly shipment supplies to Brig began on schedule 12 November.

19. KOTC now called KMA (Korean Military Academy).

20. Officers will be on duty at PMAF Hq daily including Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from 8 to 6. Twenty-four hour duty only when considered necessary due to tense situations.

21. TIAS propaganda being prepared feverishly with excellent assistance from Mr Stewart.

22. Korean Language classes scheduled each American 4 hours weekly.

23. Troop Info hour scheduled weekly for American personnel.

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24. Motor Shop PMAC vehicles, Yong Dong Po, operating.

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