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MAPS: KOREA, 1/250,000
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Historical

PART I

SOUTH KOREA

1. ARMED FORCES

North Korean Constabularymen Violate Parallel

At approximately 301100 November 4 North Korean Constabularymen came south of the parallel in the vicinity of NAMHYON DONG (953-1696) and stole 2 oxen and some firewood. Four south Korean police observed them and attempted to recover the oxen. Upon approaching the parallel the police observed approximately 80 armed north Korean civilians covering the retreat of the NKC's. The civilians fired approximately 80 rounds at the police who returned the fire. Thirty police reinforced the original 4 but the north Koreans had retreated. Police state that the north Korean civilians were armed with Mossin rifles and submachine guns. No casualties were reported. The area was quiet by 1430 hours. (Police report)

COMMENT: The "armed civilians" were probably members of the CHA WII-DAI, a civilian peace preservation corps assisting the Border Constabulary in parallel guard duty (page 27, W/S #163 and page 11, W/S #120). However, the figure 80 is considered high.

2. CURRENT INTELLIGENCE

a. Government Activities

(1) "Directives" by Propaganda Committee reported on 30 November reporters from 2 different Korean newspapers informed American officials that certain "directives" had been issued to all Korean newspapers by the Office of Public Information of the Korean Government. These alleged "directives" are believed to have originated in the Central Committee on Propaganda (W/S #167, page 5) and are intended as a guide in handling certain news items. They include the following:

- (a) The government in north Korea should be referred to as "The North Korean Puppet Regime."
- (b) Expressions of protocol should not be used in reference to KIM Il Sung and other leaders of the government in the north.
- (c) Newspapers should not report news or speculation regarding withdrawal of U.S. forces; no news or comments agitating against prolonged occupation should be printed.
- (d) Comments condoning the actions of rebel units or expressions or sympathy toward rebel activities of any kind should be prohibited.
- (e) Expressions connoting that the attrition in the south is "mutual slaughter of race" should be avoided because it tends to convey the idea of equality between the rebels and the National Army.

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- (f) Writers should not use statement of slander and abuse, which are of no direct advantage to the nation and society. (C-3)

(2) National Assembly

On 30 November the National Assembly chose five judges and five prosecutors (all Assemblymen) to assist in the conduct of litigation under the provisions of the National Traitor Law. A total of 16 judges and 9 prosecutors will be chosen.

b. Civil Unrest

Police Attacked in INCHON

On 30 November a man threw a hand grenade into a police box in INCHON (960-1630) injuring 2 policemen. One of the assailants was apprehended and claimed that he and his comrade had come from HAEJU (870-1700) three days ago. (CIC Flash Report. Police Report)

(3) Burning of Villages on CHEJU-DO

Additional reports of villages burning on CHEJU DO (see also (W/S #165, page 11 and W/S #166, page 9) indicate that communist raiders have added the burning of villages to their program of terrorism and ruin. Mention in several of the reports that Constabulary were observed near the villages which were burning, and one statement that men in constabulary uniform were seen setting fires, opened the possibility that the constabulary, rather than the raiders, had adopted new tactics.

An investigation was made of this possibility. The Constabulary regimental commander on CHEJU-DO denied emphatically that his men are guilty, and a police chief reported definitely seeing raiders setting fires. The wearing of constabulary uniforms by raiders has been reported before.

3. PSYCHOLOGICAL

Translation of SEOUL Newspapers (See Incl #1)

4. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Negative

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