

2. Civil Unrest

a. No Uprising Date Yet Named

No definite information was received during the period concerning prospective dates for communist uprisings.

b. 22 Attacks on Registration Centers

Communist attackers left police boxes in comparative peace this week but launched attacks against twenty-two (22) registration booths. These, combined with the ones covered last week and by delayed reports, brought the total to forty-four (44).

KYONGSANG-PUKTO's capitol, TAEJU, was hit the hardest. Here at least eleven (11) attacks were made on registration centers. It is known that 523 registration cards were lost and another 500 were probably lost. Attacks in CHUNGCHONG-PUKTO were heaviest in that province's capitol, CHEONGJU, where six registration centers were hit. Two policemen and three rightists were killed in continued and sporadic violence on CHEJU-DO this week. One police box was attacked on the KANGWON-DO - KYONGSANG PUKTO border by a 100-man mob. Five policemen and two civilians who were helping the police were injured. One rightist was assassinated in CHEONGJU-PUKTO five days after he received a threatening letter which warned him to cease election activities.

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B. CURRENT INTELLIGENCE

1. Political Activity

a. Candidacy Registrations

The office of the Chief Advisor, MG, released information at 231200 April stating that 939 candidates have registered for the 200 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY positions; that WSAKI, HANKOOK DEMOCRATIC PARTY, and DAI DONG YOUTH CORPS are the major organizations represented; that 18 women are candidates; and that 11 candidates will have no opposition.

The following tables give in detail the information mentioned above:

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES BY AREA

<u>AREA</u>	<u>NO. OF REG. CANDIDATES</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DISTRICTS</u>
SEOUL	82	10
KYONGGI DO	160	29
CHUNGCHONG PUKTO	54	12
CHUNGCHONG NAMDO	122	19
CHOLLA PUKTO	100	22
CHOLLA NAMDO	92	29
KYONGSANG PUKTO	126	35
KYONGSANG NAMDO	147	31
KANGWON DO	43	12
CHEJU DO	13	3
TOTAL	939	200

PARTY AFFILIATIONS REPRESENTED

Total candidates registered	- 939	All districts
Approximately	- 200	Registered as NSAKI and/o Hankook Democratic Party
Approximately	- 80-90	Registered as Dai Dong Youth Corps
Approximately one third of total		Registered as non-partisa
Approximately	- 18	Women registered (includ- ing 5 in City of Seoul)

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b. 14 Pro-Election Rightists Murdered

Fourteen right-wing politicians and members of their families were killed during 17-18 April as communists opened an anti-election reign of terror against candidates and supporters of the election. This murderous campaign centered in KYONGSANG PUKTO, where the most attacks were also made against registration boxes (see PART I, B, 2), and CHEJU DO, where communists have been exhibiting their most strength during the month (see PART I, B, 2a, W/S #134 and PART I, B, 2b W/S #135).

Communist directives reveal that attacks against pro-election rightists have been ordered as a part of the last-ditch stand which communists are making against the election. Numerous accounts of rightists receiving death threats in the mail and being beaten have been reported.

c. 52 Attacks on Registration Booths

Two attacks were made against registration booths on CHEJU DO this week. An unknown number of records were taken from one booth and the second booth was burned.

The number of attacks against registration booths throughout South KOREA, since the first attack was reported on 04 April, now total 52. The total number of attacks reported last week, 44, was raised by three delayed reports covering incidents which occurred during the week ending 16 April and three more incidents for the week ending 09 April. (see PART I, B, 2, W/S #135 and PART I, B, 2, W/S #134)

Tactics and strength of the attacks varied. Mobs of up to 200 armed and unarmed men stormed some booths. Such attacks usually resulted in the booths being completely razed and registration records destroyed. In other cases, groups of two or three men posed as registrants and then turned on registration officials and destroyed records. Other booths were set afire during the night. In all cases, the communists sought to terrorize registration officials caught in and near the booths.

Attacks have been made in the following areas:

KYONGSANG PUKTO	21
CHUNGCHONG PUKTO	10
SEOUL	10
CHOLLA NAMDO	8
CHEJU DO	2
CHOLLA PUKTO	1

Also, 12 known attacks had been made against registration officials either in their homes or upon streets. One official was killed in such an attack.

d. Miscellaneous Incidents

Other major incidents of communist-instigated violence listed this week were:

4. Sniper fire was directed at unloading coast guard vessels on CHEJU DO. Police fired approximately 51 rounds in return, with no known casualties on either side.
 5. On 20 April a firefight took place on CHEJU DO between a police communication repair crew and a communist force of unknown size. Communist saboteurs had felled 36 telephone poles and cut communication wires at the site of this fight on the previous day. No casualties were reported.
- e. Delayed Reports Covering Past Periods

Delayed reports of incidents that occurred during the week ending 16 April which were not carried in last week's summary (see PART I, 2, b., W/S #135) are:

1. Seven attacks on police boxes -- three on CHEJU DO, two in CHOLLA NAMDO and two in KYONGSANG PUKTO.
2. Two policemen killed -- one on CHEJU DO and one in KYONGSANG PUKTO. One CHEJU DO policeman died of wounds received on 03 April when communists attacked a police box.
4. Seven non-rioters were killed by communist gangs -- five on CHEJU DO and two in KYONGSANG PUKTO.

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PART I
SOUTH KOREA

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A. ARMED FORCES

2. Operational Activity (Confidential)

Attacks on American Personnel

On 24 April a US Army C-47 airplane was fired on by two snipers as it took off from the CHEJU airstrip on CHEJU-DO. (F-6)

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b. Constabulary Moves Against CHEJU-DO Communists

On 27 April the South Korean constabulary began patrol operations against communist guerrillas hidden in the CHEJU-DO mountains. By the end of this week it had become apparent that communist operations had slackened off in the face of the constabulary operations.

Sixty people have been killed on CHEJU-DO since 03 April when the communists initiated operations on the island. Communists killed eight police in at least 22 attacks against police, killed 27 rightists and members of rightist and police families, raided six registration booths, attacked two towns, continually disrupted highway and telephone communications and probed South Korean constabulary strength on three occasions. During this same period police killed 25 people associated with the guerrilla bands.

c. Delayed Reports Covering Last Week