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won for 1 US silver certificate, a loss of 20 won from last week and 700 won for 1 US military payment certificate, unchanged from last week.

1. Rebels ambushed a police column in Cholla-Namdo province and 19 policemen, 2 civilian drivers and 6 members of the local defense corps were killed. Police lost 1 light machine gun, 8 carbines, and 10 Japanese rifles to the Rebels.

National police in Seoul arrested 58 Leftists, suspected of planning riots and disturbances for 1 Mar, and 69 students, members of the Democratic Students Alliance, a Leftist orgn.

3. Have been no reports received by this office to indicate that any unusual civil disturbances, Communist uprisings, or riots occurred on 1 Mar, Sam Il Day.

Comment: 1 Mar, is a historic day in Korean and is known as Sam Il Day. It derives its significance from the revolt of the Korean patriots against the Japanese occupation in 1919. In the past it has been marked by widespread Communist uprising and demonstrations. Although considerable information had been recd indicating Communist plans for demonstrations on Sam Il Day, it is believed they were discouraged by the extensive counter preparations made by the National Police.

2. Delayed reports covering the period 14 Feb to 24 Feb indicate that in 16 clashes between Korean Army-police forces and rebels in Cholla-Namdo Prov, 39 rebels, 8 civs, 9 policemen, and 2 members of the local defense corps were killed, and 24 rebels were captured.

Further delayed reports covering the same period indicate that in 5 clashes between police and rebels in the Prov of Kyongsang Pukto 11 rebels were killed. The Min Bo Dan (People's Protective Corps) executed 76 rebels on Cheju Do on 20 Feb. Spears were used in the execution.

Comment: This brutality against humans even though rebels who were denied the right of due process of law have been forcefully brought to the attention of high Korean officials and pointed out that such action by mobs is contrary to American precept of Dem.

Part 2-North Korean.

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1. The 2d Session of the People's Presidium, Korean People's Dem Republic assembled on 28 Jan 49 in the former Soviet Army Club at Pyongyang. The following subjs were discussed: Final determination of the date 30 Mar 49 as election day of all chairmen and

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