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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Rebel Activity:

a. Organization: Rebel strength in western South Kyongsang Province consists of 310 men, divided into eight companies of about 38 men each (F-2), according to a recently captured former Korean Army soldier of the old 14th Regiment, elements of which precipitated the Yosu-Sunchon revolt of Oct 48 (Intell. Summary 2242). HONG Sun Suk commands the rebels and is assisted by KIM Chi Whei, chief of staff (F-1), the source said. Each company reportedly has two light machine guns, with the remainder of the men armed with M-1 rifles and carbines. (F-5) The rebels obtain information of the National Police and movements and plans of the Korean Army through civilians, who are members of the South Korean Labor Party. (F-1) (a)

Source Comment: The number of light machine guns appears greatly exaggerated. Many of the rebels are armed with Japanese rifles and homemade weapons. The source may have confused the machine guns with automatic rifles or sub-machine guns. (a)

2. Civil Disturbances 16-28 Feb 49:

a. Activity in Southern Provinces: The majority of civil disturbances in South Korea from 16-28 Feb occurred in South Cholla Province, which continues to be the hotspot on the Korean mainland. More than 175 rebels were killed during clashes with the Republic's armed forces, although approximately 25 soldiers and policemen and 20 civilians were killed trying to suppress the dissidents. (b)

b. Recapitulation of Incidents: (Refer to Map No. 2)

1 - Todu: The People's Protective Corps used spears in executing 76 rebels on 20 Feb. (c)

2 - Dodu: Six civilians and 34 rebels were killed on 16 Feb, when the police clashed with rebels who had attacked the village. (d)

3 - Cheju: One policeman and 26 rebels were killed when rebels attacked the village on 19 Feb. (d)

4 - Songi: Two rebels were killed by the police on 23 Feb. (c)

5 - Seoul: One policeman was killed on 20 Feb by a group of Leftists. (c)

6 - Chungwol: Two civilians, six members of a protective corps, and 19 policemen were killed on 27 Feb when rebels ambushed a police convoy. (c)

7 - Yase: Two rebels, one policeman, and six civilians were killed on 24 Feb when rebels attacked and burned the police station. (c)

8 - Susan: One rebel was killed on 22 Feb by a Korean Army unit. (c)

9 - Tokso: One rebel was killed by the police on 17 Feb. (c)

10 - Kumin: One rebel was killed by soldiers on 22 Feb. (c)

11 - Paegun: Two rebels were killed by the police on 21 Feb. (c)

12 - Chongdo: Three rebels were killed on 19 Feb during a police raid. (c)

13 - Sogidong: Four rebels were killed on 17 Feb when attacking police. (c)

14 - Imun: Six policemen and two members of the local volunteer corps were killed on 21 Feb when police clashed with a band of rebels. (c)

15 - Kangjin: Five rebels were killed in an engagement with the police on 18 Feb. (d)

16 - Ima: Three rebels were killed on 16 Feb during a police raid. (c)

17 - Yolbyon: One rebel was killed by the police on 17 Feb. (c)

18 - Chongje: Eight rebels were killed on 19 Feb during mop-up operations by the Republic's armed forces. Two rebels were killed during a 24 Feb police raid. (c)

19 - Kohung: Five rebels were killed during a 21 Feb attack by government forces. (c)

20 - Sinchon: One rebel was killed on 22 Feb when soldiers attacked a band of rebels. (c)

(a) USAFIK 50842, 19 Mar 49

(b) G-2 Comment

(c) USAFIK G-2 P/R 1078, 4 Mar 49

(d) USAFIK G-2 P/R 1072, 25 Feb 49

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