

## KOREA

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## MILITARY SITUATION

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1. Current Developments:

a. U.S. Soldier Killed: U.S. Army Recruit Ray A. Nix was fatally shot at 0250 hours, 1 Apr, by a Korean policeman on duty at the Central Communications building in Seoul. A police report states that the soldier was challenged several times by the policeman. After the arrival of two reinforcements, the policeman fired three rounds into Pvt Nix when he put his hand into his pocket, apparently to draw a weapon, according to the police report. It was not until after the incident, that it was discovered the victim was a U.S. soldier, the report concluded. (a)

A preliminary investigation by U.S. officials has disclosed that Pvt Nix was in a lighted area when shot; was challenged in Korean, which he did not understand; and was shot twice instead of three times. (a)

Source Comment: Apparently the policeman was trigger-happy, since U.S. officials found three empty cartridge cases and three rounds of ammunition at the scene of the incident. U.S. officials are continuing the investigation. (a)

b. Armed Forces Aggressive: Two soldiers of the Korean Republic, including the commanding officer of the 20th Regiment, and 43 rebels were killed from 18-19 Mar in South Cholla Province. The armed forces confiscated one submachine gun, 10 M-1 rifles, five carbines, and three Japanese rifles during the period. (b)

Comment: Aggressive and effective action by police-Army forces in South Cholla Province has taken a heavy toll on dissidents. USAFIK estimates that approximately 300 well disciplined, closely organized Communists are responsible for most of the disturbances in the province. Good weather probably has been a major factor in continued Communist activity.

c. Cheju Island Quiet: Communist-inspired disturbances on Cheju Island are declining on every front, according to Prime Minister LEE Bum Suk, who recently visited the island. LEE said that the Army is in its final stage of eliminating dissidents from the island and that "hundreds of Communist sympathizers are surrendering to government forces every day." (c)

## ECONOMIC REPORT

2. Kilowatt Production Up:

a. Higher Production Expected: South Korea's electric power production averaged 79,500 kilowatts daily 19-26 Mar. The output was an increase of 8.6 per cent over that produced 12-19 Mar, and indicates that the Republic's hydroelectric plants are operating more efficiently. A U.S. Power Advisory group estimates that a daily average of 130,000 kilowatts can be produced by Oct 49, if the coal supply and rainfall are sufficient. (b)

Comment: It is estimated that an average of 120,000 kilowatts daily would adequately furnish South Korea with sufficient electricity to take care of industrial and individual needs. Although the departure of some U.S. units from Korea eased the drain on the kilowatt output, further need for industrial use has occurred. South Korea was consuming an average of 100,000 kilowatts daily when all electricity originating in North Korea for use in South Korea was suspended on 14 May 48 by the Soviet-controlled North Korean People's Committee (Intell. Summary 2108). South Korea, with U.S. aid and advice, has made marked progress in rehabilitating its power-producing facilities.

- (a) USAFIK G-2 Tel Rpt, 0820 hrs, 1 Apr 49  
(b) USAFIK 53228, 26 Mar 49  
(c) AMIK M/R NA Rpt, 21 Mar 49

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