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1. 28 Apr, 5th RCT held Bn demonstrations at Uijongbu for the KA - including the Inf Bn in attack and the Inf Bn in defense. Demonstrations were witnessed by 500 selected Off and NCOs from 7th Brig and KMA. Amer Advisors observing performance rated it superior. Similar demonstration for pers of 1st Brig and KMA to be held at Uijongbu 2 May.

2. Recent survey by members of G-4, KA, relative to prices of military and non-military commodities on Black Market, indicated sharp rise in cost of each commodity checked. Checked were: mosquito bars, fatigues suits, blankets, combat boots, canteens, trousers WOD, etc. Current prices were compared with those of February. This is strong indication that KA is better controlling supply of military items. Indication is further supported by total disappearance from market of such items as compasses, binoculars, radios and minor items.

3. Pres of Korea, Supreme C/S and other dignitaries made extended tour of southern provinces. Pres Rhee made 20 speeches, inspected 34 localities, addressed over two million people. Pres praised highly the KA units fighting the guerrilla element, and made specific mention of Brig Gen Chung Il Awan, CG Task Force "C", operating in Chiri-San area.

4. JED reorganization retarded because of President Rhee's absence. Expected to be accomplished within next ten days.

5. Advisors of KA General Staff are now preparing a proposed Mobilization Plan for use of South Korea in event of emergency. Plan, when adopted and put into effect, will provide for the orderly and systematic mobilization of the manpower and resources of SK.

6. Plans being made to establish a military district in Seoul area, to come under CO, Capital (7th Brig). As CO of the Mil Dist, he will be responsible for all MP's in Seoul and such other duties (incl alert plans) as pertain to such command.

7. Dissidents:

a. 1 Maj, 1 Corporal from Inningun deserted to SK Forces. Reasons, Major: arrested and given 15 years for misappropriation of Govt funds; Cpl: unknown.

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b. No further action taken by KA on personnel previously suspected of communist activities. KA authorities feel they have accomplished approx 90% of their purge and are going slowly on further arrests. At beginning of purge, rumor was considered sufficient evidence for arrest; now, reports from at least 3 different sources are required before C/S, KA, will authorize investigation and possible arrest.

c. In a recent conference, Pol and KA represented, it was agreed that KA would purge certain civilian ranks, incl Pol and civilian officials, in Taegu. Reason for this unusual arrangement was the fact that the Communists, with quite a few strong cells, had infiltrated into important positions in/around Taegu. Pol and high-ranking office holders were involved; the KA appeared to be only agency trustworthy enough to handle purge. Pres had knowledge of plan and so approved it. Since agreement was reached, KA, in close coordination with Pol, has arrested approx 200 Civ. The fact is recognized that this procedure is very bad for reputation of KA and the Govt. There are strong indications that KA and Justice Dept are going to take steps to assure that this procedure is not generally adopted.

8. Operations:

a. 38th Parallel: 12 incidents reported during period with following results: Enemy, KIA 5; WIA 1, POW & MIA 0.
KA: KIA, WIA, POW and MIA 0.

b. South Korea: 29 incidents reported during period with following results: Enemy KIA 56; WIA 2; POW 23; MIA 0.
KA: KIA 2; WIA 2; POW 0; MIA 1.

c. Cheju Do: 8 incidents reported during period with following results: Enemy KIA 66; WIA and MIA 0; POW 628.
KA: KIA 0; WIA, POW and MIA 0.

d. Opns in general:

Increase in incidents along 38th parallel noted - (5 incidents preceding wk; 12 incidents current report). In view of the fact UN forces suffered no casualties, the increase not considered serious.

Opns on Cheju Do suspended from 0800 26 Apr to 1800 29 Apr. During this period, 40 POWs were permitted to return to mountains to request remaining guerrillas to lay down arms and surrender.

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Results of this action unknown at this time. On 24 Apr, 1310 POWs were screened, oriented, permitted to return home. 1 Bn of 2nd Regt now under orders to move to mainland where they will billet at Kwangju. Situation on Cheju Do will be watched very closely and as dictated by situation, addtl trps will be ret'd to mainland until one Bn remains.

Chiri San ops considered terminated. However, same caution which govern reduction of forces on Cheju will govern this area. 1 Bn now under orders to return to parent unit; other trps will be ordered back to home stations one at a time until only 3 Bns remain.

Present attitude of Korean high command is to act with great caution in withdrawing trps from troubled areas. Both KA and the Govt realize and feel that trps must remain (reduced numbers) in the HOT areas to assure that guerrillas are not permitted to reorganize for an all-out offensive later in Summer, or Fall.

9. KA strength: 3112 Off; 64,326 EM; 1399 Cadets;
TOTAL 68,837.

10. Res Corps: Strength, 250 Off; 1010 Cadet Off;
20,955 EM; TOTAL 22,215.

11. Korean Navy: Patrol vessels contacted 33 vessels, 5 of which were operating illegally (3 fishing boats in violation).

17 April, the KNC Kong Ju, with 70 Pol aboard, including Chief of Chumanjin Pol Sta, was patrolling east coast along 38th parallel. Korean craft unknowing cruised 1500 yds N of 38th parallel. Peoples Army fired on the Kong Ju at 171010; Kong Ju ret'd fire for 10 minutes. No casualties on SK side.

Strength: 449 Off; 260 Midn; 4779 EM; TOTAL 5488.

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