

of a red cell within the regiment. He discovered it first when he picked up his phone at his quarters to call the MP station on some business and overheard a conversation taking place between two of the men involved. They had tapped the line to Headquarters in order to listen in then pass the information on to other cell members. The topic of their discussion was shooting the regimental commander then taking over. They were fairly smart in tapping the line but foolish in discussing their plans over the phone ~~they had~~. Major Song executed six of the leaders last night. I believe that the above incident could have been responsible for the army being able to surprise the group of rebels at Changion-Ni inasmuch as they did not receive or apparently did not receive information on the movement of army units in that area.

As I told you in my previous report the regiment has been operating patrols in different locations around the island. At 1400 hrs the 29th the units operating in the vicinity of Changion-Ni, ref: map 1:250,000 937-1144 ran into a meeting the rebels were holding. There were about 200 in the group and an eight hour pitched battle took place in which the patrol accounted for about 100 of the group the others escaped. ~~Among those killed was one of the big leaders known as the~~ ~~leader by the name of the King etc.~~ They also captured some equipment such as ammo, blankets, Jap sword, belts, weapons, raincoats, and a pair of field glasses.

All activity here has been in the form of nuisance raids and have been conducted against the army and police. None of the population have been molested like they were in May. It looks as if their strategy is to harass the police and army so as to get them to dissipate forces in numerous piecemeal attacks or small scattered defensive units which could be surrounded and defeated in detail. That part I believe has failed inasmuch as the army has maintained a systematic system of patrols and adequate reserves alerted for immediate movement to area where large concentrations are known or believed to be.

The police and the army here are operating very smoothly together. They maintain constant liaison and each responds rapidly to any request for assistance from the other.

Altho the situation on Cheju is serious I believe that the army and police are making definite progress in reducing the menace.


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3. CHEJU DO - Raiders burned estimated 700 homes in Hamwon (Cheju do) and killed estimated 55 civilians. Reports give about

500 in raiding party, several hundred unarmed. Army troops pursuing after being tardily informed.

12. Regtl Commander from Cheju do reports during week 20-27 November 122 Rebels were captured and 576 killed; between 1 Oct and 20 Nov 1625 killed, 1383 captured. Much material captured but few weapons - mainly Jap rifles; total for 2 months equals 60 weapons.

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• 계엄법 문서 송부(1948. 12. 1)

MARTIAL LAW

Supreme C/S Chief, PMAG 1 December 1948 WLR:ee

Herewith is a paper on "Martial Law" which should be published to all your command, so that they may know what martial law is, when martial law may be declared, who declares it and its effect.

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• 제주도민 군경에 협력(1948. 12. 18)

OPERATIONS ON CHEJU DO

Lee Joon Suk Chief, PMAG 18 Dec 1948 WLR:ee

cc: Pres Kees
Supreme C/S
CD, KC
Adv, KC

An important occurrence has been noted in our operations in Cheju do which should be brought to your attention, as it points to a distinct swing in the thinking of your people. This swing in thinking is in the proper direction, too.

As you know, the inhabitants of Cheju do have been independent thinkers and they have been well-organized by SKLP. They formerly were hostile to the Constabulary and Police troops. Now, in general, they are friendly. They are assisting the Police and Constabulary by furnishing information freely, and lately, they are assisting the Army and Police in removing the Rebels.

I quote a report just received:

"The 8th Regiment led by Lt Col Song You Chan has obtained complete information and cooperation from the citizens of Cheju do. Recent operations conducted on the island have been participated in by spear-armed islanders led by small groups of Korean Army Officers and men. On one occasion, 8,000 men from the island moved against armed Raiders on the slopes of Halla San. These men were led by small groups of Korean Army personnel and inflicted over one hundred casualties on the enemy; some firearms and stores of food were captured. 11100 December, one company of 8th Regiment led 1000 villagers in the