

and arrogant I would recommend quick removal of the remainder.

Lee Bum Suk has been taken out as Minister of National Defense and Mr. Sihn (the best man Korea has) has taken his place. Sihn was 18 years with the British Navy, has Western viewpoint, was Home Minister (Police) and is apparently a square shooter. I like the change.

Best regards. Wish you all could have remained longer.

Yours,

Roberts

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Minutes of Conference, 16 April

Minister Sihn General Roberts 16 April 1949 WLR:ey

The following is a list of items of our discussion this date, for your information:

CHEJU DO TROOPS TO RETURN TO MAINLAND.

The Korean Army Staff is working now on plans to bring one battalion (preferably the Sawbuck battalion of the 2nd Regiment) back to the mainland. Later, one more Battalion or more of the 2nd Regiment will be brought back to the mainland from Cheju Do.

POLICE SAWBUCKS TO BE REMOVED FROM CHEJU DO.

This is just a reminder that this disturbing element now incorporated in the Cheju Do Police should be returned to the mainland and widely distributed.

COLONEL YU.

I present for your consideration, the name of Colonel Yu, now of 2nd Regiment in Cheju Do, who has performed during the last month in the most superior manner in reducing the unrest there. I present his name to be the Governor of Cheju Do. This practice obtains in the United States quite frequently. The Officer is given leave of absence and later returns to the Army. I believe he would be acceptable to the inhabitants of Cheju Do who appear to have great confidence in him. In the meantime, ~~somebody~~ could be made for a deputy from Cheju Do who could take over when Colonel Yu returned to the Army.

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Dear Wademayer:

I know your busy but feel you're the person to informally keep in touch with there about the Korean situation.

We are now in probably the quietest period for a large number of years -- the border or parallel incidents are practically nil now -- Communist activity is practically all underground now not only in the Army and police but in civilian activity too. Purges in the Army recently have succeeded in pulling the teeth of that group right efficaciously -- 500 alleged leftists in the Army are now being watched. Today (May Day) was quiet all over I hear. Down South in the Chiri-san mountain area the guerrillas have been beaten down by an intelligently conducted operation with 12 battalions. This force is now being sent back to its various stations. The several leaders of the guerrillas, the guerrilla staff, and the bulk of the active force have been destroyed. Similarly in Cheju-do, the guerrilla force has been beaten down and most of the active members killed or captured along with their weapons.

Lee Bum Suk is out as Defense Minister but is still Premier. I hear he's on his way out of that job too. Sihn, who was Home Minister when you were here, is now Defense Minister. He is the best they have and I fear he may become Premier and thus we'd lose him. I have rumors though, now in the states, may be the Defense man. Bill Dean liked him above all except for his bottle habits.

The President went to Cheju-do recently and was widely acclaimed. It was a home run. Friday the 29th of April he returned from a week's trip in the South -- I think both the trips were excellent for the nation.

Mr Sihn and the President have both agreed to reorganize the Defense Department along the lines wanted by us. In them we get rid of the job of the Supreme Chief of Staff, give the Coast Guard more voice and reduce the Bureau of National Defense Department.

My two-cents worth fellows: -- the cheapest thing big industrial America can do is to furnish other peoples the product of our factories and resources in order that they may shoot for us and may shoot first, consequently 1 or 2 billions of dollar value is but a drop in the bucket and the finest bit of preparation we can make.

I feel that way about this South Korean Army, my work is to make them capable of shooting first and well for Uncle Sugar.

By all the agreements, my power here now is puny and after C-day will be punier. However I think I can still, by persuasion and sincere treatment of the leaders by the officers of KNAG, command their army and make it do what is necessary when the time comes.

Best personal regards,

Yours,

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