

31 October 1947

SUBJECT: Counter Intelligence Corps Semi-Monthly Report.

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Period Covered: 16 October 1947 to 31 October 1947.

III. Political Section.

(1). Terrorism:

After a month of comparatively few acts of violence, terrorism is once again on the increase. Most of the acts were and are being committed by rightist youth groups, with only one of two instances reported where leftist elements staged an attack. Many reports have been received concerning the newly organized Dai Dong Chung Myun Dang youth organization. This organization, organized by General LEE, Chung Chun, is composed of all the rightist youth groups of South Korea. These are the first reports of terrorism concerning the Dai Dong but well point to the possibility that this organization will become, like its associate rightist youth groups, terrorist groups or if not, at least not above practicing terrorism.

Cheju Do CIC reported that during the week of 17 Oct 47, at least five different people in five separate villages on the east end of Cheju Do island were attacked by the Dai Dong, which was at that time making a membership drive around the island. The acts ended immediately after Cheju-Do CIC contacted the Police chief concerning the matter.

VI. Miscellaneous:

(2). War Criminal Supposedly on Cheju-Do Island:

According to information received from a confidential informant, one LEE, Heung Suk, Vice-chief of Police on Cheju Island, was previously Commander of the Railway Corps of the Japanese Army with the rank of Major. During his tour of duty, LEE placed in captivity thousands of English nationals and subjected them to compulsory labor. Some were brutally tortured and beaten and shot to death by his command. LEE was smuggled into Korea from Japan by sea immediately after the liberation. He then obtained his present office and established secret connections with the Japanese causing considerable trouble to the Korean People.

(S/I dtd 16 Oct 47, LEE, Heung Suk, Vice-chief of Police, Cheju Island.)

• 대동청년단 강제 가입활동(1947. 11. 15)

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Period Covered: 1 November 1947 to 15 November 1947

III. Political Section:

(6) Terrorism

On 16 October 1947, it was reported that about thirty members of the Cheju Daidong Youth Corps set out to tour the island for the purpose of political rallies and recruiting new members. With the assistance of local police, the young men assembled the villagers together and forced them to listen to speeches. Whenever a villager appeared to disapprove of the propaganda, he was soundly beaten by the Daidong. Five terroristic acts were reported.

• 제주 경찰에 조처 없으면 유혈사태 발생경고(1947. 12. 15)

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Period Covered: 1 December 1947 to 15 December 1947

I. Sabotage and Espionage:

(3) Cheju-do Leftist Distributing Leftist Propaganda:

Information was given to Cheju-do CIC by a high ranking member of the Cheju-up Presbyterian Church of Kumnyong, Kujwa Kyon, Cheju-do (975-1157), to the effect that one LEE, Su Han, reporter for the Min Chung Ilbo, a Seoul Paper, was a leftist agitator and a possible espionage agent. LEE is reportedly an important leftist at Keumnyong, having spoken several times against rice collection, had distributed handbills, and had advocated Korea's becoming subjected to the Soviet Union. LEE was apprehended by Cheju-do CIC, interrogated, and incarcerated for further interrogation. There are indications that he is working in an espionage capacity for the South Korea Labor Party and/or for the Seoul People's Daily.

(S/I dtd 22 Nov 47, Subj: LEE, Su Han, reporter for Min Chung Ilbo)

III. Political Section:

(2) Left Wing

In Cheju-Do the leftists have received orders to infiltrate the United Young Men's Party, the Saw Book and Korean National Youth Association.

(S/I dtd 19 Nov 47.)

VI. Miscellaneous:

(2) Terrorism

Cheju reports that trouble is brewing on the island and bloodshed will take place if the authorities in the National Police do not take action against the Cheju Police. Public tension has reached such a point that attacks on the police are imminent, if nothing is done to alleviate the situation. (S/I dtd 7 Dec 47, subj: Police, Cheju, Public tension caused by acts of.)